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Deer Committee Calls for Increased Measures for Cull

Citing a negligible decline in deer-related accidents in the area, Princeton Township's Deer Program Evaluation Committee has recommended that a new sport-hunting committee be created to address overpopulation within the herd.

A report submitted to Township Committee says that since the 128 accidents in 2003 and the 52 accidents in 2004 are more than twice what they "should" be, the deer committee has proposed that the Township reduce its dependence on paid shooters and rely more heavily on a combination of road kills and sport hunter harvests.

Township Committee has recently expressed its disappointment in the United Bowhunters of New Jersey for yielding a deer cull of only nine this past season.

The deer committee suggested implementing controlled hunts in the Township, pointing to similar successes in Montgomery Township and the Baldpate Mountain county park in Hopewell Township. While Deer Committee Chairman Thomas Poole conceded that those communities do not have much in common with the Township's hunting environment, he said that similar programs can be drafted to fit Princeton's geographic specifications.

Additionally, Mr. Poole said that while sport hunting would incur costs to the Township at the onset, it would ultimately save the money spent bringing in professional herd management.

White Buffalo, the Connecticut-based deer management firm that conducts the Township's deer immunocontraception program, will return to work at the end of the month to inoculate female fawns.

Further, White Buffalo has killed 1,181 deer by way of sharpshooters, captive-bolt guns, and drop nets in a program that began in the winter of 2001.

The original five-year goal of the Township was to bring the deer population down to 350, or approximately 20 deer per square mile as described by the Township in its target density. The deer committee recommended taking a town-wide

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Princeton Reacts to McGreevey's Resignation

After the initial shock of hearing Gov. James McGreevey's announcement last Thursday that he is "a gay American" and had engaged in an extramarital affair with another man, Princeton residents and area government officials have had varying opinions on their governor and his decision to resign on November 15.

On Monday, a group of 10 Princeton-area residents gathered in front of Drumthwacket, the governor's mansion, to protest his decision, which rules out a special election in November.

With news circulating that Israeli Golan Cipela, a former homeland security advisor, had an affair with the governor and is now preparing a sexual harassment suit against him, some residents feel that Gov. McGreevey was operating a "corrupt government," said protestor and Princeton Township resident Michele Seas.

While not identified as a group from a specific political organization, protestors had a blunt message for Gov. McGreevey. "Get out of our house," "It's the corruption, stupid," and "Let New Jersey Vote: Resign Now" were among the signs that residents displayed to oncoming drivers, several of whom honked in agreement.

"The bottom line is that there has been corruption and that's why we're angry," said Susan Pizzi, a protestor who lives in Montgomery. "If he did have a sense of character he would step down now. No one cares about his sense of lifestyle, that's not the issue here."

Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand said she believes the governor should be allowed these next few months to meet with his successor, State Senate President Richard Codey, to go over the work that he has done and to discuss what policies he had intended to introduce.

"I think Gov. McGreevey has

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After Receiving Grant, Princeton High Looks to Individualize Student Attention

Freshmen entering Princeton High School may soon look forward to more individualized attention now that the school will be receiving $300,000 a year for the next three years as part of the Small Learning Community Implementation grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The grant is designed to create smaller group settings in the high school in an effort to personalize the educational experience for all students. The school is exploring three different options for how it will use the money, said Principal Gary Snyder.

One option could be to create three ninth grade "academies" to break down the class of approximately 350 students into smaller groups. These academies, or small learning communities, could meet twice a month to discuss school issues in a town-meeting format. The groups could also host guest speakers.

In addition, the grant could help fund advisors for the program,

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PROTEST AT DRUMTHWACKET: A small group of protestors gathered outside the governor's mansion in Princeton Township on Monday to show concern for his present course of action. Gov. McGreevey announced last week that he is gay and had an extramarital affair with another man. He plans to leave office November 15, but some residents say that isn't soon enough.

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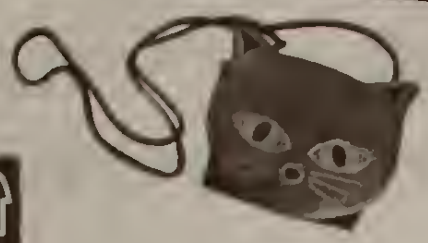

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Merchants Prepare to Hold A Second 'Buy Local Month'

The Community-Based Neighborhood Retail Initiative, a subgroup of Princeton Future, met on Friday, August 13, to discuss the ways in which it will promote its second "Buy Local Month" this October. Buy Local was initiated last year to encourage more shopping in downtown Princeton.

One feature of the month-long event that will return is the "Prix Fixe" policy at local restaurants. Patrons who eat at Main Street, Theresa's, Mediterra, The Yankee Doodle Tap Room, The Peacock Inn, The Ferry House, and Blue Point Grill on designated days will be able to purchase specified meals at a fixed cost of $15 for lunch and $20 for dinner, said Sheldon Sturges, co-chair of Princeton Future.

Pending final approval from the Borough, children from the local schools will also participate in Buy Local Month by making scarecrows that will be displayed all along Nassau Street, from the corner of Harrison and Nassau Streets, to Coldwell Banker, near the intersection of Route 206, said Kathy Morolda, president of Borough merchants and proprietor of the Cranbury Station Gallery.

Other marketing ideas that may be instituted include distributing free parking Smart Cards through a lottery, said Teri McIntire, marketing consultant for the Borough. The municipality is also looking to provide two hours of free parking in the Borough garages on Saturdays throughout the month. Patrons can validate their parking after purchasing an item in town and repeating the phrase "Buy Local" at the register.

Princeton University will also hold its annual Community Day on Saturday, October 16. Those merchants and community organizations interested in having a booth should contact Pam Hersh, director of the Office of Community and State Affairs at the University, at (609) 258-3018.

Buy Local Month will conclude on Saturday, October 30, with an opening ceremony for the Borough's new plaza at the corner of Witherspoon and Spring Streets.

CBNR will hold its next meeting on Friday, September 10.

—Candace Braun

Princeton Chamber Hosts Event At The Writer's Block

The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce will host a Lemonade in the Park reception at the newly constructed Writer's Block on Thursday, August 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is part of the chamber's After Business Hours Reception series.

The Writer's Block is a temporary urban garden featuring pavilions designed by local architects. It's located on Paul Robeson Avenue, across from the First Baptist Church, between Chambers and Witherspoon Street. For information on the garden, visit www.princetonwritersblock.com.

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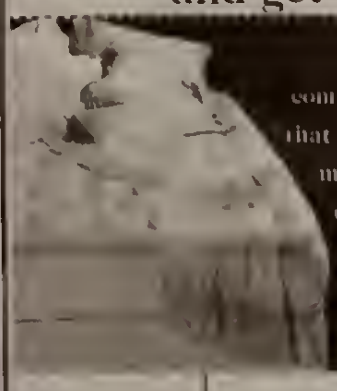

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PORTRAIT OF A PROVOST: Prof. Christopher Eisgruber assumed the role of Princeton University provost last month, taking over for departing Provost Amy Gutmann and making the transition from faculty member to high-profile senior administrator, second to President Shirley Tilghman.

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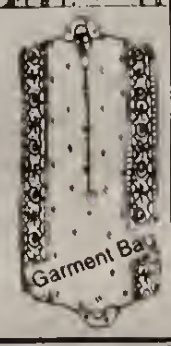

New University Provost Gives a Nod To the Past as He Looks Ahead

TOPICS Of the Town

The role of a university provost is somewhat difficult to define. But for Chris Eisgruber, the Princeton University professor who recently took on the position, defining his role is as simple as looking in the mirror.

Officially, Prof. Eisgruber will serve as the University's second-ranking official and, in the absence of the president, its senior officer. He will oversee the University's academic programming and chair the University's Priority Committee, which makes annual recommendations to the president regarding the upcoming year's operating budget.

As a graduate of the Class of '83, and a former faculty member of the Woodrow Wilson School, the University Center for Human Values and the Department of Politics, Prof. Eisgruber is part of the social fabric that makes up the University community.

"People ask what it is that I do, and I tell them that I'm the provost and sometimes they're brave enough to ask what that means and other times they're playing along with a look of incomprehension on their faces," Prof. Eisgruber quipped.

The role of provost grew out of increased responsibilities taken by the president, namely those that fall at the exterior of the University's walls.

However, Prof. Eisgruber is also in the position of making discretionary decisions regarding how to spend money and how to allocate space. This puts the provost in a position to deal with various, otherwise-deserving departments asking for more space and money.

You can imagine that as a former professor and director of the University's Program in Law and Public Affairs, Prof. Eisgruber finds himself in a position he's never been in before.

"Most of what I'm required to do is say 'no' to deserving proposals, and worthwhile things, but even though we're in great shape as universities go, we can't do everything," he said.

But as a former academic director, does that require a more sympathetic ear? Yes and no.

"It's a big transition," Prof. Eisgruber said of the move from faculty member to administrator. "But it's a distinguishing feature of university administrations in general that there are academics in the roles of top administrators," he said. "It's critical,

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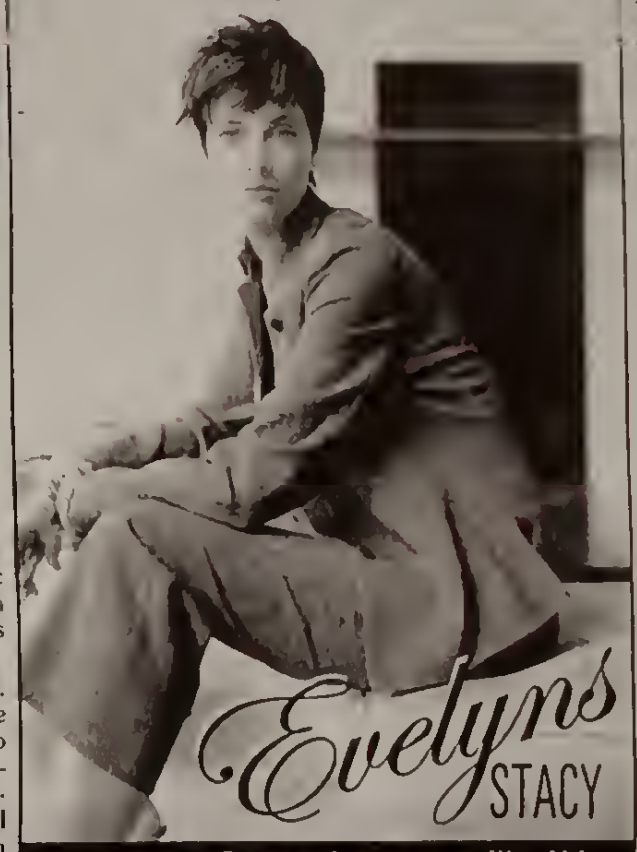

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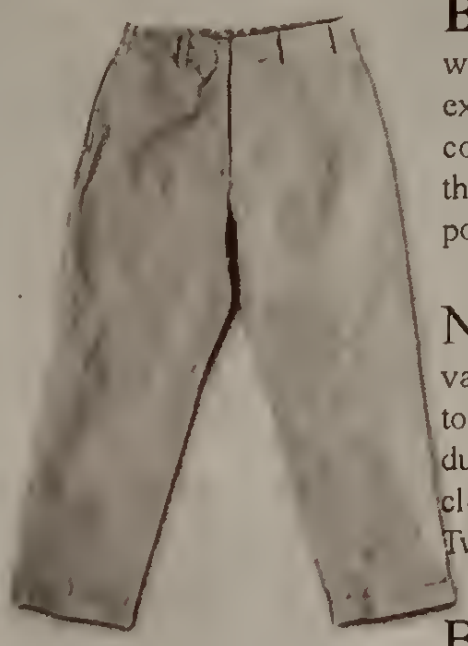

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New University Provost

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and we need that because the issues here aren't just issues about money and space, they're issues about using money and space for the objective of teaching and research."

At least for now, however, Prof. Eisgruber will not be able to teach courses in the Program for Law and Public Affairs, and in that respect, he can keep his sights set solely on the administrative tasks at hand.

While it's difficult to leave his professorial duties altogether, he is confident that he will be able to begin teaching again after he has mastered his new role.

"I won't be able to teach for at least the next couple of years, I'm going to try keep writing, but that's going to be hard, and in that respect, my own life will be less engaged in the defining pursuits of our institution than it has in the past," he said. He brightened when he added that he is "energized" by "constantly dealing with people who are immediately engaged" in academic activities.

"In some ways, one of the attractions of the job is that it broadens my perspective." He referred to "learning a lot more about projects elsewhere," citing new programs at the University's Genomics labs and Engineering Department. "Those are things I would have known less about working in my own domain."

He will also continue advising students with their theses. "For me, contact with students is energizing, so I hope I don't lose that," he said.

Overseeing Expansion

One of Prof. Eisgruber's new responsibilities as the overseer of academic programming and operating budget is a major project currently underway at the University: the construction of Whitman College residence hall on the site of the former Pagoda tennis courts. The completion of the dorm will allow for an increase of 500 in the undergraduate population over the course of four years in 125-student increments beginning in the fall of 2007. Once complete, the total undergraduate population will be 5,100. The increase, in scope and size, is the most drastic change to the University's undergraduate population since it became a co-educational institution in 1969.

"There's obviously a lot of planning that has to take place," he said, not only in bringing more students on to campus, but in creating a new center for student life. Additionally, there are new curricula being developed, and the University needs to ensure that the students have adequate classroom space and teaching faculty.

But, Prof. Eisgruber's background as a Princeton student and teacher revealed itself when he pointed out that "this will be a wonderful opportunity for us to say 'yes' to a few more students rather than 'no' to those who are applying."

An Alumnus

Affiliated with the University as a student, alumnus, and as faculty member, Prof. Eisgruber, at age 43, could be perceived as young for the provost spot, but his experience with the University seems to put him in tune with what the job entails.

"In doing administration, it helps to have a deep sense of the place and why people care about it, both what its strengths are and a caring, affectionate view of its weaknesses," he said, adding that "most of Princeton's alumni feel that way."

So even on days when defining the role of the job is easier than performing it, Prof. Eisgruber seems prepared to take all that in stride.

"Even when I have to say 'no' a lot of the time, or put up with a couple of tough meetings, I can look around and immediately feel that I know why I'm doing this, and that's because I care about this."

—Matthew Hersh

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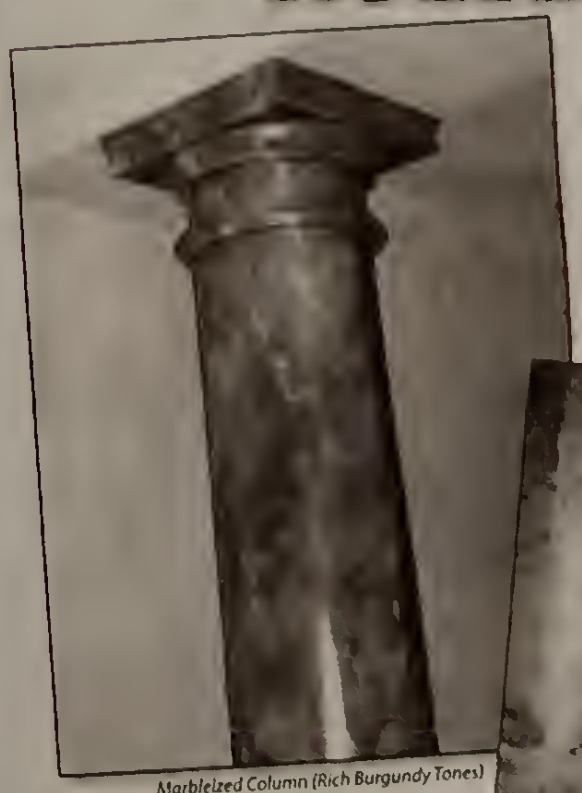

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Township Brush and Leaf Pick-up Service Could Be Reduced, Public Works Report Says

A proposal that could significantly alter the way residents deal with their excess leaves and branches was put forth to Township Comittee Monday night as the Princeton Township Department of Public Works considers how to specifically comply with mandates dictated by New Jersey's new Clean Water Act, which goes into effect in 2005.

While no formal action was taken, changes in curbside service could range between an expansion of service to seven months out of the year to the elimination of the Township's brush collection program altogether, except for the Christmas tree pickup and during times when hurricanes and heavy winds knock brush and leaves from trees.

Since the enactment of the state's new stormwater regulations, the Township has been looking at potential methods of compliance while focusing on its paving program. The Township is currently underway with a $6 million road paving and improvement project that was put into motion after a particulary harsh winter this past year.

Public Works representatives said that the combination of the "constant" pick-up need for brush has slowed the process of several road-paving projects, and that, if nothing else, they would like to curtail brush collection during July and August.

Complete elimination of the program, according to the Public Works report, would enable the department to expand its paving season from two months to four months, saving a projected $775,000 that would otherwise be paid to hired contractors.

However, with the elimination of various brush pick-up services, landscapers and residents would have to drop off their materials at a Lawrence Township compost site, causing potential problems with older residents and those unable to haul their materials to an off-site location.

The problem, according to Public Works Superintendent Don Hansen, is that when residents put their brush in the street for pick-up, it can potentially clog nearby inlets and stormdrains.

Mr. Hansen also recommended that the Township adopt a leaf pick-up program that would replace the current practice of placing piles of leaves curbside in favor of bagging leaves in biodegradible bags that would be picked up by Public Works, thus reducing the chance for stormdrain clogging.

But Committeewoman Casey Hegener worried that not all residents would be able to bag leaves themselves.

"How will we help the residents? We have to help the residents make it easy to clear their lawns of brush and be in compliance with the new laws," she said. While she agreed that the current program should change in response to the stormwater regulations, she suggested that Public Works go "back to the drawing board" before moving forward with the proposal.

Township Committee did, however, order an unspecified number of bags in preparation for residents who wish to bag their own leaves on a voluntary basis this fall.

According to the proposal, 20 free bags would be issued per home, with additional bags sold in blocks of 10 at $2.50 per block. When filled bags are ready for pickup, residents would be able to call or e-mail the Township and bags would be picked up within two days.

Mr. Hansen said the Township has difficulty keeping up with the volume of brush material put curbside and that a large number of residents leave oversize logs, bricks, and other landscaping material that does not comply with the current regulations,

Mr. Hansen implemented a similar program when he was a senior official in Edison Township's public works department,

The Township has had its current system in place for nearly 10 years. If pick-up service is diminished, the program would return to one similar to what was in place before the current regulations were enacted.

A hearing for the proposal is scheduled for Committee's September 13 meeting.

—Matthew Hersh

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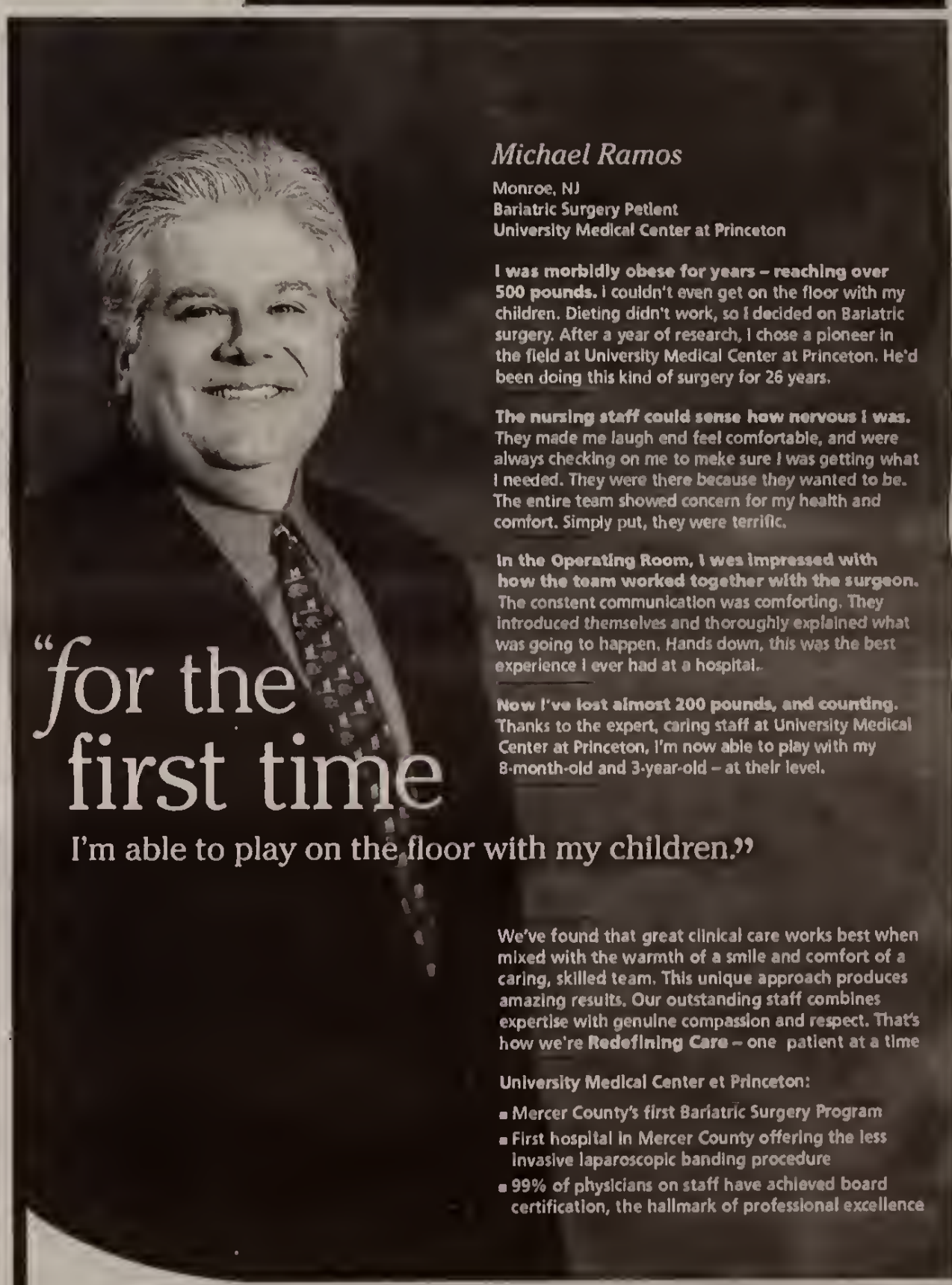

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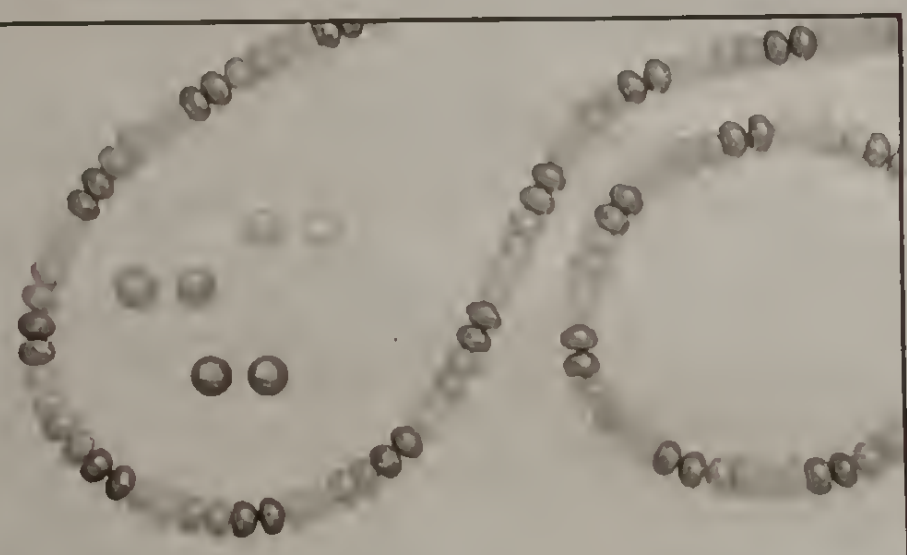

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Four More Pulitzer Poets Coming to Dodge Festival

Jim Haba, director of the Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival, has announced that the most recent winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, Franz Wright, as well as former Pulitzer Prize winners Rita Dove, Galway Kinnell, and Philip Levine have been added to the roster of Featured Poets at the 10th biennial Festival to be held from September 30 through October 3 at Duke Farms.

They join previously announced New Jersey-based Pulitzer Prize winners Stephen Dunn, Yusef Komunyakaa, Paul Muldoon, and C.K. Williams. Komunyakaa, Muldoon, and Williams are Princeton-based.

The biennial Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival, established in 1986, is the largest poetry event in North America and is expected to attract over 20,000 poets and poetry devotees for four days of reading and events. The Festival will be the first large-scale public event in the history of its new venue, historic Duke Farms, a 2,700-acre estate that was formerly the residence of the philanthropist Doris Duke.

Among featured poets particlpating in the 2004 Festival will be the most recent U.S. Poet Laureate, Billy Collins. Performers and musicians appearing include actor and musician Benjamin Bagby, jazz trumpeter Dave Douglas, the Paul Winter Consort, and Yarina, whose performances have becomea Dodge Poetry Festival tradition.

Tickets for the 2004 Festival are now available through Telecharge.com by calling 1-866-548-3378 toll-free or visiting www.telecharge.com. General admission ticket prices range from $22 to $30 for a single day admission; $42 for weekend (Saturday and Sunday) passes; and $78 for complete admission to all four days of the Festival. Special low prices are available to full-time students and seniors over the age of 62. There are no per-ticket service charges for tickets ordered through Telecharge.com; there is a $2.50 per order mailing/handling charge.

Advance ticket purchases are encouraged because of the 10th anniversary of the Festival and the public interest in visiting its new location, Duke Farms on Route 206 in Hillsborough. This will be the first time Duke Farms has been open to large numbers of the public in over 75 years. Festival hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Sept. 30-Oct. 2; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday Oct. 3. Tickets will not be available at Duke Farms until the opening day of the Festival.

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"If he is gay he shouldn't have been married. He did it twice and he has been prohably fighting it for years. I am a gay person and I have been out for a long time and I understand his struggle. That's his demon and he has to deal with it. He shouldn't he married and fooling around. The biggest sin is that he abused his position and gave someone a job that he was completely unqualified for. This got McGreevey into a hot spot and maybe he learned his lesson. He should leave office now and not play politics and let the people choose the interim governor." *— Kate Cranwell, Eastern Court*

"Governor McGreevey portrayed himself as a hero for what he was doing in this interview on TV to the world. Really what he has done is extremely cowardly and the fact that he politically represented himself as someone of great stature by coming out and taking this great decision humbly for the people of New Jersey was just a load of garbage. It was an incredibly orchestrated political speech that he gave. The circumstances that backed him into this corner are truly personal but there is a lot more to this story that is still to be revealed in the next few weeks." *— Todd Moses, River Birch Circle*

"I think that it is his business and I think it is good that he was honest and admitted to having an affair. Stepping down is the right thing to do when you are in a political office. The big problem though is the guy who he had the affair with was paid a large salary and if that is the case then it is a serious legal matter and could be a felony against McGreevey. You can't be putting your lovers in office and paying them money." *— Ed Belbruno, Wiggins Street*

New High School Parking Regulations Are far From Perfect, Township Says

Between two municipalities, one school board, a frustrated student body, and a jaded residential community, it may be hard to agree on many things. But with student parking around Princeton High School causing hassles, headaches, and havoc, everyone agrees on one thing: the newly-enacted parking regulations are far from perfect, but they are, at least, steps toward a more effective solution.

Princeton Township Committee Monday night unanimously approved what has been described as an "Imperfect" answer to muddled parking conditions in the high school community. Essentially a companion ordinance to the one approved by Borough Council earlier this month, the measure aims to create more on-street parking for students while ensuring area homeowners fewer headaches caused from trash, noise, and other nuisances that, residents say, some high school students inflict on the neighborhood.

The product of more than four years of work, the parking ordinance stems from the efforts of the so-called ad hoc committee on student parking. Those efforts culminated in a report that that would provide for on-street permit parking on a permanent basis to residents of the neighborhood, on an annual basis to high school students, and on a temporary basis to school faculty until the completion of the new school parking lots.

The ordinance also targets times during which a "high volume" of students and vehicles are in the neighborhood.

That the plan is far from ideal is reflected in recent comments from members of Council, Committee, Princeton Regional School Board and members of the student body.

"While I feel (the ordinance) is not perfect," said Township Committee member Casey Hegener, "I feel it is completely necessary at this point.

"The situation at the high school is intolerable and has been a bad (one) for a long time," she said, adding that the ongoing construction projects have only exacerbated the situation. The ordinance, she said, should not be regarded as a benefit to the high school community, but as a "relief net" for the area.

Even so, the combined Borough and Township ordinances will not provide the kind of relief once envisioned by the parking committee. Initially hoping for about 150 spaces, and then aiming for approximately 90, Officer Geoff Maurer of the Township Police Department said that based on the total amount of space allotted for additional parking, there will only be about 70 extra street spaces made available for students during school hours.

Township law requires 22 feet per parking space for regular-sized, parallel parking, according to Robert Kiser, Township Engineer.

Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand said that she did not want there to be misconceptions about the ordinance.

"We've got to be upfront about what really can happen here, and the schools should be made aware [that] these spaces are not available."

Like Borough Council, Committee decided to enact the ordinance under a probationary proviso. Council's version was officially passed with a sunset stipulation, causing the ordinance to expire on June 30 of next year so it can be reviewed and amended. The Township's version will not automatically expire, but will be reviewed as the efficacy of the new law is gauged.

Walter Bliss, the lone member of the school board in attendance Monday night, said that while he was "concerned" that the targeted parking goals could not be met, all parties involved should still "move forward" with the measure.

"This is really just an experiment," he said, adding that the parking plan is really "the only proposal ever put forth" that didn't sacrifice green space on either the school's playing fields or front lawn. Other plans to increase parking would have paved over school grounds to make way for expanded surface parking.

The Township ordinance will set parking restrictions on the east side of Harris Road from Henry Avenue to the Borough line; the south side of Henry Avenue from Moore Street to Harris Road; the east side of Jefferson Road from the Borough line to Guyot Avenue; the east side of Linden Lane from Henry Avenue to the Borough line; and the west side of Moore Street from the Borough line to Guyot Avenue. Times of enforcement for all roads will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Additionally, Township portions on the south sides of Franklin and Guyot Avenues and the east side of Walnut Lane will be off-limits between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m to those who do not have student or resident permits.

The school board will have to pay the Township $10 per permit and subsequently sell them to students. The board has yet to set a price for the sale of the permits. The students will then enroll in a lottery for parking permit acquisition, which will come in the form of car window decals.

Residents will receive permits and two guest placards free of charge.

Final implementation of the parking plan will be determined by a vote from the school board next Tuesday. The board is expected to vote in favor for the proposal.

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Patricia Schroeder to Speak At Women's Equality Day

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The event will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Walnut Lane at Houghton Avenue in Princeton. A contribution is requested.

Rush Holt's appearance has not been confirmed but he has said he will try to come if his work in Washington permits. Other speakers will be Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-15th District) and Linda R. Greenstein, Esq.

For further information and to register, call (609) 409-1790.

Eleven Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 11 births to area residents during the week ending August 16.

Sons were born to Leticia Lopez-Nava and Ernesto Monje, Skillman, August 11; Sheree and Jason Dublin, Lawrenceville, August 11; Heather Seagroatt and Edward Pittman, Princeton, August 12; Heather Seagroatt and Edward Pittman, Princeton, August 12; Kelly Martin and David Jones, Lawrenceville, August 12; and Elizabeth and Matthew Schultz, Princeton, August 13.

Daughters were born to Densie and Timothy Bryant, Princeton Junction, August 9; Michelle and Gabriel Lependorf, Princeton, August 9; Mary Ellen and Larry Granozio, Princeton, August 10; Misti and Anthony Shelton, Princeton, August 11; and Ji Won Hwang and Yeol Cheol Seong, Princeton, August 12.

Heart Walk Event Seeks Volunteers

The American Heart Association will host the Mercer County Heart Walk on Saturday, September 18 at the Mercer County Park in West Windsor.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks including: helping with site set up and take down, registration support, performers and entertainers, clowns, face painters, community health fair participants, team photographers, and assistance with food and water distribution.

To volunteer or for information about the American Heart Association's 2004 Mercer County Heart Walk, call (732)821-2610.

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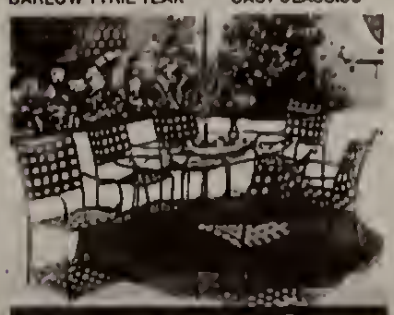
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GOOGLE EXTRAVAGANZA: Google Guide author Nancy Blachman instructs Princeton residents on better ways to search the internet at a Google Guide workshop on Wednesday, August 11, at the Princeton Public Library. (Photo by Candace Braun)

Computer Expert Offers Search Tips for Google Users

Have you ever found yourself typing in word after word on an internet search engine without being able to find the exact subject that you're looking for?

For those who haven't heard of the search website www.google.com, or still haven't found a way to master the use of it, Nancy Blachman is the all-knowing authority on what the website has to offer.

After co-authoring the book *How To Do Everything With Google*, Ms. Blachman has started touring the country with her guide to the internet search base, known as the Google Guide.

Helping over 1.5 million internet users since the site was created in February, the Google Guide (www.googleguide.com) is a tutorial which provides exercises and examples for ways to better search on the internet for a word, phrase, person, place, or a group of words or ideas together. It also helps users to understand the entire Google search process.

After the free tutorial she recently offered at the Princeton Public Library, Ms. Blachman said that her website offers all sorts of amusing and informative exercises that teach people the best way to do searches on Google.

"People seem to have fun with it," she said.

With a bachelor of science degree in applied mathematics from the University of Birmingham, U.K., a master's in operations research from the University of California at Berkeley, and a master's in computer science from Stanford University, where she taught for eight years, Ms. Blachman has an extensive background in computers.

She has written five other tutorial and reference books, including three books on the program Mathematica, *Mople V Quick Reference*, and *Putting Your Heart Online*, a book on internet dating in which she interviewed 20 different couples who had found love on the internet.

Ms. Blachman met her own husband through internet dating, and he was the person to first pique her interest in Google. As one of the original employees after Google first started up in 1998, he has been a key player in the process leading up to the site's recently going public.

Ms. Blachman's book, coauthored this year with two Google engineers, is a comprehensive manual, giving examples, detailed descriptions, and the history of the development of the website.

After the book, Ms. Blachman decided she wanted to create something more hands-on, which is what inspired the Google Guide.

"I was writing this in the absence of talking to anyone, which I wasn't used to. I've always written books getting feedback from people," she said.

That was when she created the website, so that she could hear from others how her examples, shortcuts and instructions worked. Wanting to provide more personal instruction and get more responses, Ms. Blachman began holding workshops.

She started by giving tutorials in her native California, then travelled to Princeton this summer where she and her husband have been living for a second time. Beginning with a single seminar at Princeton ACM/IEEE-CS, a local computer professional society, her tutorial then took her to the Institute of Advanced Study, the Princeton Public Library, and twice to Princeton University's Sarnoff Library.

"It's been incredible; I've gotten great feedback," she said.

While the Google Guide is currently an online tutorial which is accompanied by an instructional handout, Ms. Blachman said she would like to eventually make this a book, as well.

For those who would like to use the helpful tips provided on Google Guide, Ms. Blachman has made it a rather simple task. The site has a creative commons license rather than a copyright, which means that teachers, library staff, or anyone else wanting to learn or to teach a group about Google can use all the information she has distributed on her website and in her manual. This has produced even more feedback, as others who have used the guide in the classroom have found glitches or offered new suggestions that she can fix or add to her website.

And for those with an interest in the site for their own personal use, it is up and running at all times, constantly changing to reflect whatever new or different strategies for internet searches Ms. Blachman is able to come up with, she said.

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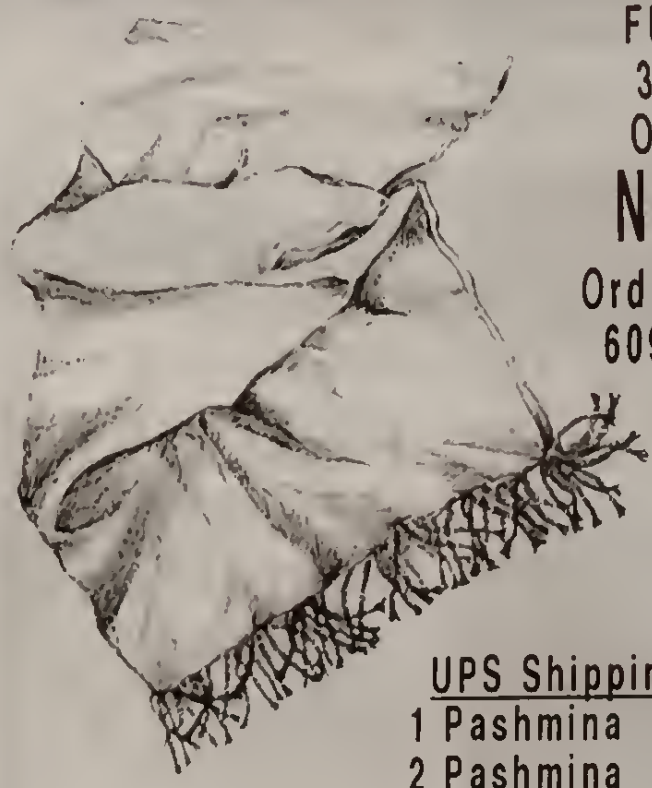

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Danna Korn, author and leading expert on Celiac disease and gluten intolerance, will conduct a cooking class and lecture on wheat-free meals and gluten-free options at Wild Oats in Princeton, on Saturday, August 21, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Ms. Korn will begin the evening by preparing a gluten-free meal and discussing gluten-free options to everyday grocery items. She will take class participants on a store tour and offer them free product sampling of gluten-free foods. Finally, participants will get to sample the meal and hear a 45 minute talk from Ms. Korn about gluten sensitivity and solutions for living a happy and healthy gluten-free lifestyle.

Afterwards, Ms. Korn will be available to sign her two books: Wheat-Free, Worry-Free: The Art of Happy, Healthy, Gluten-Free Living and Kids with Celiac Disease: A Family Guide to Raising Happy, Healthy, Gluten-Free Children. For additional information about the event, call (609) 683-8737.

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Republicans Host Mule Barge Ride

The Republican Association of Princeton is hosting a two hour round trip ride down the Delaware and Raritan Canal by mule barge on Sunday, August 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is a fundraiser for Township Committee candidates, Irene White and Paul Kapp. The $30 per person cost includes a light supper and entertainment.

The boats are equipped for mild, inclement weather. The trip will begin at the dock of the New Hope Canal Boat Company located on New Street (Main Street) in New Hope and will continue north to Rabbit Run which is a westerly stream off the canal, then return. Interested participants can send checks payable to PTRC, 40 Nassau Street, Princeton, 08540. For additional information, call (609)924-3105.

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Actress Reese Witherspoon Invited to Attend Plaza Opening

While John Witherspoon is well known to many Princetonians as a past president of Princeton University and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, what is less known is that he is Hollywood actress Reese Witherspoon's ancestor.

Sheldon Sturges, co-chair of Princeton Future, has contacted Ms. Witherspoon's agent in Hollywood to see if the star would be willing to attend the opening of the Princeton Public Library's new plaza on Saturday, October 30.

Mr. Sturges has not heard back as to whether or not the actress will attend the ceremony, but Ms. Witherspoon's agent has confirmed that she is indeed a direct descendent of John Witherspoon.

While a name has not yet been selected for the plaza, Mr. Sturges said the consensus is that it will be named Witherspoon Square.

Borough Council will vote on the plaza's name at a meeting prior to the October 30 opening, said Mayor Joe O'Neill. Other suggested names include James Madison Square, E = MC Square, and Einstein's Theory of Relativity.

If Council chooses to use the name of the Witherspoon family, Ms. Witherspoon would be the ideal speaker for the plaza's opening ceremony, said Mr. Sturges.

Mr. Witherspoon's name is reflected throughout Princeton, including Witherspoon Street, John Witherspoon Middle School, The Witherspoon House, and a statue commemorating him at the University.

—Candace Braun

Reese Witherspoon

In addition, Ms. Witherspoon's role in *Legally Blonde*, in which she played a ditzy blonde law student who had a keen fashion sense and a constant desire to shop, could lend itself to Princeton's "Buy Local Month," which is scheduled for the month of October, said Mr. Sturges.

Laura Jean Reese Witherspoon's career first took off with her role in *The Man in the Moon* in 1991. Other notable films include *Pleasantville*, *Sweet Home Alabama*, and *Cruel Intentions*. Ms. Witherspoon is married to actor Ryan Phillippe. They and their two children live together in California.

Reese's Ancestor

Born in 1722 in Scotland, John Witherspoon was the first of the Witherspoons to immigrate to the United States. Following in his father's footsteps, he was an ordained minister at a parish in Scotland before coming here.

After declining the position two years earlier due to his wife's desire to stay in Scotland, Mr. Witherspoon moved to the United States in 1768 to become president of the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University.

A member of the Continental Congress, he cast an affirmative vote for independence on July 2, 1776, and signed the Declaration of Independence two days later. He was the only member of the clergy to do so.

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Tears normally keep the eyes moistened and lubricated. However, improper drainage can cause vision problems. As noted in this week's column, an outpatient procedure can correct tear draining problems. The earlier a vision problem is detected, the more likely is a successful treatment program. If you have problems with tears, call MONTGOMERY EYE CARE at 609-279-0005 to schedule an eye exam. Our eye exams incorporate the latest advances in research and technology and include a medical history review, eye health testing, and screening for vision diseases. We are located at Montgomery Center at 1325 Rt. 206. Office hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs 10-8; Wed 10-7; Fri 10-6, and Sat 9-3.

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Thanks to flight restrictions imposed on air space over New York during the Republican Convention, the Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour of the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and Consolidated B-24 Liberator honoring America's veterans will be spending extra time in the Princeton area. The vintage aircraft will arrive at the Trenton Mercer Airport on Monday, August 30. Originally scheduled for only a two and a half-day visit through noon on Wednesday, September 1, the B-17 and B-24 will be on display to the public for four full days, through Thursday, September 2.

During the display visitors will be able to tour the aircraft and see what it was like for crewmen during World War II. All positions aboard both planes have been restored to exacting 1944 condition with the original instruments, gun positions, and equipment. The Collings Foundation encourages veterans and families to come by and recount their World War II experiences to assembled visitors.

Visitors also may take the opportunity to see what it was like to fly an actual mission aboard the B-17 or B-24. On board flight experiences are 30 minutes in duration and require a tax-deductible donation of $400 per person. Since space on these flights is limited, interested participants should call (978) 562-9182 for reservations.

The display will take place at the airport, at Ronson Aviation, from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m. on Monday, August 30; and 9 a.m. through 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 31 to September 2.

The Foundation requests a donation of $8 for adults and $4 for children to tour both aircraft. All donations help support the maintenance of the B-17 and B-24, which costs nearly $3,100 per flight hour per aircraft.

The planes will fly to over 120 cities nationwide.

For more information locally, contact Bob Jackson at (609) 897-0437.

THE DRAGON IN FLIGHT: That's the legendary B-24 Liberator in the foregound and the B-17 Flying Fortress above it. Both planes will be on display at the Trenton Mercer Airport from Monday, August 30 through Thursday, September 2.

(Photo courtesy of the Collings Foundation

WINGS OF FREEDOM ABOVE LADY LIBERTY: The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress will be featured along with the B-24 Liberator in the Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour, coming to Trenton Mercer Airport Monday August 30.

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Zoning Board "Trivializes and Ignores" Opposition to Jazz Club Application

Note: The following is a copy of a letter sent to Peter A. Kneski and Christine M. Lewandowski of the Princeton Township Zoning Department.
Dear Mr. Kneski and Ms. Lewandowski:

I wrote to you on June 6, 2004 to protest the lack of notice about the consideration of converting Mike's Tavern to a Jazz Club. In summary, your answer was "tough luck, we did it by the rules." I have now reviewed the resolution approving the use variance and am even more upset by the process used.

The document contains information that at times is incorrect, inconsistent, and inadequately supported.

There is an existing, non-conforming use on the site. Mike's Tavern was at this location when we moved to Princeton 24 years ago, and I suspect was grandfathered without review into the zoning scheme when it was implemented. This use represents only a small portion of the site. The last use for the rest of the ground floor of the building was an auto parts store, which was conforming. The rest of the property is residential. To allow the total site to be converted to this non-conforming use would be a major change.

The proposed parking provisions are inconsistent with the stated capacity. Paragraph four states there will be 18 employees, 160 patrons, and 4 musicians for a total of 182 people. Paragraph three states there will be 43 parking places with 14 additional spaces off-site. This means each car has to bring three people. If this proposal is allowed we will have cars parking on local streets.

In Paragraph five, the architect, Terry Smith, acknowledges the potential noise problem and then provides an interesting solution: "there was no opportunity for openings in the direction of the residential neighborhood." Since there are residences on three sides, does this mean there will only be doors and windows facing Community Park?

In Paragraph five, the architect states, "the new facility would have less bulk," and then in Paragraph six states, "there was still an area deficiency," with no definition of whether the problem was better or worse. Nobody on the Bard bothered to ask.

The proposol will improve the troffic situotion. I pass this site frequently and have never seen more than ten cars parked there, most of which leave individually. In reaching her conclusion was the traffic consultant comparing this situation with 50-60 cars leaving at the same time? In addition, the exit from Birch Lane onto Route 206 is extremely difficult because of the sharp bend in the road to the north. Will a large two-story building located closer to the main road not make this worse?

The proposed use was better than many uses permitted in the S-2 zone. This is a matter of opinion, but highlighting the least attractive permitted use does not make it a fact. This site is too small for use for a trucking facility but the adjacent conforming use, Tomasi Texaco, is a welcome business that contributes real service to our community with little negative impact.

There are a number of other issues in this document but the most offensive is the fact that the comments by those few neighbors who did get notified are trivialized and ignored. The board in rendering its decision simply parrots the unsupported assertions of the applicant. I thought this board existed to protect the interests of residents and ensure compliance with our zoning laws. Apparently they are there to simply rubber stamp proposals from influential developers.

PETER TRACEY
Duffield Place

Township Newcomers Decry Conditions Warranting Clean Street Enforcement

Note: The following is a copy of a letter sent to Township Committee.
To the Editor:

Arriving last summer as new residents, we were excited by Princeton's lovely houses, fine trees and vibrant community. However, from the first month of living here, we were shocked at the piles of yard waste that were left all over the Township. We arrived in July and by September were in disbelief that the same piles remained on our neighborhood streets that had been there when we first arrived. Now brown, smelly, and harboring insects, they greeted all visitors as unsightly and hazardous sentinels of an inefficient cleanup plan.

There are many reasons to either change the cleanup ordinance or rigorously enforce the one currently on the books.

1. Health and Safety. As the enormous piles again relining our streets fester throughout the summer, they create walking, driving, and parking hazards; become breeding grounds for insects; and are clogging our storm sewers after every rain.
2. Real Estate Values. It is vital that every community have a strong real estate market to support the tax base. Good schools and attractive housing are part of that picture, but town maintenance that realtors can proudly point to as a hallmark of our community is also part of that mix. Streets clogged with debris all year do not enhance home values. A comprehensive cleanup plan that includes some reasonable resident cooperation is essential to achieving a clean community.
3. Pavement and Curbing. Clean streets have a regular service by a street sweeper. We have never seen this service in our neighborhood. Every road has some level of debris on the roadway. Rotting piles of debris help to break down eroding street surfaces already in poor condition.

The most effective clean streets ordinance requires residents to compost debris on their property, remove all debris to a town facility, or have a landscaper remove it. Fall and spring leaf collection is for a stated and enforced period and is not once a month but twice a month to keep the streets from having hazardous piles of leaves building up and clogging the sewers. It is apparent that few Princeton residents are familiar with the current regulations, or they are knowingly non-compliant.

We have called the Public Works Department and have been informed citations would be handed out, but have only seen the piles get larger. Last Saturday, we observed a woman weeding a garden bed and throwing the weeds in the road. Is this what we want?

We want this community to look as wonderful as it is.

MARY and DAVID BLAIR
Philip Drive

Postponing Road Repairs Seen as Way To Reduce Property Taxes, Temporarily

To the Editor:

I was delighted to be advised by the Borough that our street will be repaved soon. We pay a lot of property taxes and are entitled to some benefits, after all.

The repair of our street is going to cost more than $S00,000, extras included. If I am right in my calculations, saving that amount in the Borough's budget could reduce the tax by about five cents per $100 assessed property value.

One could be of the opinion that after so many years of just patching the potholes, one could live with patching our street for another year.

But of course our street would have to be repaved sometime. If next year or later, another project of similar size would have to be postponed in order to retain the tax-lowering benefit. Judging from our own street, this would require a spirit of great frugality. Isn't the Borough known for that?

What should prevail: generous taxation at the level indicated by our latest Borough budget, or frugality?

Here is a question for the citizens of Princeton. What do you want me to recommend to Borough Council — continuation with the plan to repair my street, or postponement of this project for at least a year, with a lowering of the tax rate by five cents per $100 assessed value?

I suggest that we have a referendum on this issue. I am certain that you will all vote for having my street repaired. Thank you.

For those who would rather save on taxes, why don't you address your opinion to Borough Council, and your suggestions for other road repair postponements to keep the taxation even lower. Think of all you could do with those tax savings!

HELMUT SCHWAB
Westcott Road

Sponsor Support for "Writers Block" Sought by Palmer Square Management

To the Editor:

Many of your readers may have noticed a series of low rise structures, known as "follies," that are being erected in the horseshoe shaped area between the east and west wings of the Hulfish Street Garage on land fronting on Paul Robeson Place. We are calling this the Princeton Writers' Block. It is the brainchild of Peter Soderman, the gardener/farmer/artiste who among other things created the Mediterra Herban Garden on Paul Robeson Place, and Kevin Wilkes, a partner in Princeton Design Guild.

A 3-month, urban, literary, and scholars garden, Writers' Block had its grand opening last week. It will be cultivated by volunteer artists and will blossom with a program of readings and cultural events lasting through October 31. The follies and pavilions will be designed and built by teams of Princeton area architects, landscape architects, builders, and writers. Each folly will capture the unique flair of its team. The center of the site will be specifically designed for informal public gatherings and festivities.

For the sake of clarification, a "folly" is a permanent or temporary building designed to bring amusement to its visitors. Some of the great estates of England have follies on their grounds, often built to mimic Greek temples. In our case the follies will hopefully encourage shoppers to visit the many fine shops on Palmer Square and in downtown Princeton.

I am writing because we are looking for support to help finance the cost of this project. Whereas the final goal is to auction off the follies, with excess proceeds above the costs going to benefit a non-profit organization selected by each folly team, we need to find individuals and companies willing to help underwrite a portion of these costs. Support for this important social experiment will enhance both our environment and community.

Tax exempt donations should be made payable to The Kaduson Strauss Community Foundation, 3812-B Quakerbridge Road, Suite 204, Mercerville 08619. (Checks should reference Writers' Block 2004.)

Those with questions may call me at (609) 921-2333 or e-mail me at dnewton@palmersquare.com.

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Brazilian Dance Group Comes to Library

Capoeira, a Brazilian art form that combines martial arts, dance, rhythm and movement, will be demonstrated by a group from Princeton University on Friday, August 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Princeton Public Library.

Princeton Capoeira will perform as part of the library's Unquiet Fridays series. The library stays open late one Friday each month to host the popular series of cultural and personal enrichment events.

"Capoeira is a dialog between players, a conversation through movement which can take on many shades of meaning," the group's website explains. During a capoeira session, or "jogo," two players exchange movements of attack and defense in a constant flow while observing rituals and proper manners of the art. Both players attempt to control the space by confusing the opponent with deceptive moves.

The pace of each game is determined by the rhythms of a one-stringed musical instrument call a berimbau, accompanied by various indigenous percussion instruments. Solo and group singing in a call-and-response form complete the musical accompaniment.

The session is called roda de capoeira, literally "capoeira wheel," or simply roda. The term roda refers to the ring of participants that defines the physical space for the two participants engaged in the ritualized combat.

While little is know about the roots of capoeira, it is believed to have been practiced by Africans enslaved by the Portuguese in Brazil. Some theorize that slaves used capoeira's dance-like appearance as a way to hide their training of combat and self defense.

Members of the Princeton University group, formed in the spring of 2002, take classes that focus on the movements, history and traditions. They perform throughout the area.

Princeton Public Library is at 65 Witherspoon St. in Princeton Borough. For more information, call (609) 924-9529, or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

Storyteller Will Appear At Ten Thousand Villages

Storyteller Priscilla Maren will be reading and telling imaginative and playful stories at Ten Thousand Villages in the Princeton Shopping Center at 10:30 a.m. and again at 4 p.m. on Friday, August 27, and Friday, September 10. The stories are for children but all who are curious are invited to stop by and listen and pick up some interesting handouts.

Mrs. Maren is a writer, storyteller, and artist who has lived in the Princeton area since 1955. A not for profit retail store located in the Princeton Shopping Center, 301 N. Harrison Street, Ten Thousand Villages works with artisan partners in 32 countries, providing fair prices for their labor, working capital, and a U.S. market for their handcrafted work.

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Ms. McKinney, originally of Governor's Harbor, Bahamas, graduated from The Lawrenceville School and Boston College. She received her master's in international social development from the University of New South Wales, Australia. She currently serves as a member of the Bahamas Reef Environmental Education Fund, and manages properties on the Island of Eleuthera.

Mr. Zisler graduated from The Hun School and Boston College. Previously with Goldman Sachs in the Equity Derivatives Group in New York City, he now works as a senior associate at Heitman, a global real estate investment management firm in Chicago.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 18

11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.: Guided Tours, The Park at Duke Farms, Hillsborough. Reservation required; call (908) 722-3700. Also Thursday through Sunday.

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. Reservation required; call (609) 683-0591.

7 p.m.: Children's Program with The Jersey Devil; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m. (approx.): Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, *Tootsie*; Pettoranello Gardens.

9:30 p.m.: John Icar Jazz Trio; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Thursday, August 19

8 p.m.: *Oklohomo*; Open Air Theatre, Washington Crossing State Park. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

10 p.m.: T. Broussard and The Zydeco Steppers Creole Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Friday, August 20

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Summer Sidewalk Sale; Palmer Square. Also Saturday and Sunday.

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.: *Beouty ond the Beost*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

10:30 p.m.: PP Junior and The Bluehawks; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Saturday, August 21

6 p.m.: Glove & Killdea Rock Band; Mercer County Park, West Windsor.

10:30 p.m.: French Cookin' blues band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Monday, August 23
Recycling Pickup

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

Tuesday, August 24

8 p.m.: Princeton Regional Schools Board Meeting; John Witherspoon Middle School.

Wednesday, August 25

8 p.m. (approx.): Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, *Field of Dreoms*; Pettoranello Gardens.

8 p.m.: *Oklohomo*; Open Air Theatre, Washington Crossing State Park. Also Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

9:30 p.m.: Frank Lillie Jazz Trio; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Thursday, August 26

10 p.m.: King Pickle Rock Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Friday, August 27

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.: *Shrek*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

7 p.m.: "Off the Calendar" Concert, with Sage; Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton.

7:30 p.m.: Afro-Brazilian Performance Troupe Capoeira; Princeton Public Library.

10:30 p.m.: Loose Cannon; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Saturday, August 28

6 p.m.: Paul Plumeri Rock Band; Mercer County Park, West Windsor.

7:30: The Tamburitzans of Duquesne University; Open Air Theatre, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa.

9 p.m.: New Jersey Poetry Society's Cafe Improv; Arts Council of Princeton.

10:30 p.m.: The Blue Method Rock Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 18 - Wednesday, August 25

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Need Guidance? Information about resources for the older adult. Call 924-7108.

Wednesday, August 18:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:00 a.m. Studio Time; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
11:00 a.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:30 p.m. Children of Aging Parents; SPB. Support for adult children who have concerns about aging parents. The group meets the 3rd Wednesday of the Month. Facilitator: Susan Gleeksman, LCSW.

Thursday, August 19:
11:00 a.m. Let's talk in English, too!; RC.
1:00 p.m. Independent Art; SPB.

Friday, August 20:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.

Monday, August 23:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:30 p.m. The Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, August 24:
12:30 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, August 25:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:00 a.m. Studio Time; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
11:00 a.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

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Mercer County News	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM			10:00 AM
VOX ARTIS. Interviews with Local Artists, www.VoxArtis.tv	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
"Cooking Show"	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM
Children's Show	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM
6th Sense Conversations in Movement (dance)	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM		
Military Service Seminar Adam Bierman producer						12:00 PM	12:00 PM
"La Tonneve" - tune fishing in Mediterreneen	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM		
"Politicel Round Teble" with Adam Bierman						1:00 PM	1:00 PM
"Martin Rome's Musical Parodies" presented by 55Plus Club	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM		
"Life of Primo Levi and Piedmont" by Jen Thomson						2:00 PM	2:00 PM
"Inkhey" - Traditionel Music of Ands Mounteins	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM		
"Cleer Weter" by Mike Littwin						3:30 PM	3:30 PM
Scientific Lecture	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
"The Berds of Princeton" C. K.Williems end Gerald Sterns, Poets	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM		
"The Berds of Princeton" A. J. Verdelle, Novelist						5:30 PM	5:30 PM
"Jimmy's" - Antique Car Show	6:45 PM	6:45 PM	6:45 PM	6:45 PM	6:45 PM		
"Children of Botswane" by Pony Hopkins						6:30 PM	6:30 PM
Meet the Meyors	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Mercer County News (Mon.-Fri.) & WZBN en Espenol (Set. & Sun.)	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
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A Writers Community. Interviews with writers		8:00 PM	8:00 PM		8:00 PM		8:00 PM
VOX ARTIS. Interviews with Local Artists, www.VoxArtis.tv	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM
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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: Nicole Catoggne, right, has been named the Soroptimist International of Princeton college scholarship winner for 2004-05. She will attend Monmouth University in West Long Branch. Shown with Ms. Catoggne at the award presentation are, from left, Judy Redding, club president, and Judith Wist, treasurer. The club will hold its fall meeting on September 21 at the Nassau Club at 7 p.m. For information and reservations, call (609) 924-0872.

CLUBS

Princeton Elks Club Donates Swings

The Princeton Elks have recently announced the donation of a pair of handicapped accessible swings to Elks Camp Moore, a New Jersey State Elks sponsored sleep away camp for developmentally challenged children. The swings are specially adapted with five point harnesses and handholds.

The swings were purchased with money donated in memory of George Seitz of Skillman, a long time member who passed away in February of 2003. Upon his death, his wife, Kate Seitz, requested that donations be used to fund playground equipment at the camp.

Camp Moore is open to children from ages seven to eighteen with a wide range of physical, mental, and developmental challenges. Every child participates in all the camp activities, from campfire sing-a-longs to swim parties. Each camper is sponsored by Elks Lodge, which pays for the camper's entire camp tuition for the week.

This year the Princeton Elks sponsored ten children from Princeton, Hopewell, Belle Mead, Rocky Hill, and Hillsborough.

The **Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce** will host a "Business after Business Networking Party" on Thursday, August 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Writer's Block on Paul Robeson Place. The Chamber's business trade fair, themed "Business Moving Forward," will be held at the Westin Hotel in Forrestal Village on Thursday, September 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information or reservations, call (609) 924-1776.

The **Professional and Business Singles Network** plans a dance and social at the Best Western New Hope in New Hope, Pa., on Friday, August 20 at 8:30 p.m. Membership is not required for attendance; all singles are welcome. Attire will be casual; admission is $13. For information, call (800) 537-3859 or visit www.PBSNinfo.com.

The **Women's Cottege Club of Princeton** will hold its annual fashion show luncheon on Monday, September 13 at the Present Day Club on Stockton Street. A pre-luncheon social gathering with complimentary wine will start at 11:30 a.m.; lunch will be served at noon. The club's fall fund-raiser supports college scholarships awarded each spring to young women graduates of Princeton area secondary schools.

The fashion show will feature fall apparel for both day and evening wear from the Dandeline Shop of Cranbury. Also on display will be scarves, jewelry, and other seasonal accessories.

The fashion show luncheon is open to the public, and members are encouraged to bring guests. The cost is $35 per person. For reservations, call (609) 737-0912 by September 8.

For further information about club activities or membership, call (609) 924-2598.

The **Ladies Auxiliary of the Princeton Elks Lodge** 2129 will host a luau on Saturday, October 2. A donation of $30 per person will cover hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., and dancing to the Stan Maze Band from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. The event will also include entertainment by the Mele Kini Polynesian Dancers.

For more information or tickets, call (609) 921-6564.

CHESSforum

A novelty is a move or idea in an opening system that has never been tried before. As a semi-aggressive 1.e4 player myself, I can't stand playing against the Petroff's Defense, a seemingly unbreakable system. In 1998, however, hope was renewed by a master named Csaszar who came up with a brilliant novelty in one of the lines.

Even until now, black has still not found an adequate response to 9.h3!? Let's investigate some of the lines. 9...Bh5 is the only logical continuation.

Although Csaszar continues with the normal 10.c4 and retains good chances in the game, here I recommend 10.g4! This move does weaken the kingside pawn structure, but ironically enough, the white king is never really in serious danger.

Black is then confronted with two choices once again. He must retreat the bishop either to f7 or g6. The move 10...fxg4 is followed easily by 11.Bxe4 after which black will find himself in loads of trouble.

Therefore, the two pertinent lines are 10...Bf7 11.gxf5 0-0 12.Ne5 Qf6 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Nc6 15.Nxc6 (not 15.Nd7? Qh4 16.Qg4 Qxg4 17.hxg4 Rfe8 and the white knight is no longer valuable on d7) bxc6 16.Qg4 when white is posed for a strong kingside attack up the g-file.

The retreat to g6 seems to be better, but it leads to a more dynamic position. 10...Bg6 11.gxf5 Bxf5 12.Ng5 0-0 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Bxe4 Qh4 15.Bxf5 Rxf5 16.Re8+ Kf7 17.Qe2 when black will be able to regain his pawn, but the white pieces will soon reveal the discomfort of his king.

Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

This relatively recent innovation gives white a chance to play more aggressively against an otherwise fortress of a defense.

—Chad Lieberman

Csaszar, G. - Csikos, M.
HUN, 1998

1.e4	e5
2.Nf3	Nf6
3.Nxe5	d6
4.Nf3	Nxe4
5.d4	d5
6.Bd3	Bd6
7.0-0	Bg4
8.Re1	f5
9.h3	Bh5
10.c4	c6
11.Nc3	Bb4
12.g4	Bxc3
13.bxc3	Bg6
14.Ba3	Nd7
15.cxd5	cxd5
16.Bb5	a6
17.Ba4	b5
18.Bb3	Nb6
19.Ne5	Qh4
20.Qf3	Kd8
21.Kg2	Rc8
22.Rac1	Re8
23.Re3	Re6
24.Qe2	f4
25.Rf3	Ng5
26.Rxf4	Qxh3+
27.Kg1	Be4
28.Rxe4	Rxe5
29.Re3	Rxe3
30.fxe3	Rc6
31.Rf1	Qg3+
32.Qg2	Qxe3+
33.Rf2	Nh3+
34.Kf1	Nxf2
35.Bxd5	Rf6
36.g5	Nd3+

White resigns

Solution:
1.Qxc6+! bxc6
2.Ba6#

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WITH THESE HANDS: Princeton residents and current YWCA Princeton ESL students (from left), Marcela Silhanek, originally from Argentina, and Ruth Wetteman, originally from Germany, listen as Project Coordinator Peter Soderman explains the concept of Writers Block while Princeton resident and ESL Program Manager Louise Sandburg looks on.

Fire Wire

The Princeton Fire Department has reported the following activity for the week ending August 15:

It was a busy week for the PFD, which responded to 23 calls in the Borough, Township and neighboring towns. Companies answered numerous false or malfunctioning fire alarms, along with a call for a car fire on Palmer Square at 9:30 p.m. on August 9. First arriving fire officers found a small engine fire that had been extinguished by police.

On August 10, the department responded to a 2:45 p.m. report by PSE&G personnel of an accumulation of natural gas in a residence on Ridgeview Road in the Township. Companies used fans to ventilate the structure. Fifteen minutes later companies were dispatched to John Street for a report of a fire alarm with a smell of smoke. The cause was quickly determined to be cardboard left in a turned-on oven.

At 6:30 p.m. that evening the department was dispatched to Turner Court in the Township for a gas barbecue grill that was malfunctioning. The homeowner was instructed to have the grill serviced. Later that same day the department was again called for a report of a natural gas leak, this time on Quarry Street. No source was found.

The lightning storm on Wednesday evening, August 11, was responsible for several calls. A "pop" sound followed by a smell of something burning was reported at a home on Grover Avenue. First arriving fire officers, however, determined the call to be unfounded.

Shortly thereafter, another smell of burning was reported in a commercial building on Nassau Street. Investigating companies found problems with the electrical system that may have indicated a lightning strike at that location.

Immediately following, residents of Prince William Court reported that their home had been struck by lightning and that an odor of smoke was present. Responding companies found warm areas in the walls and ceiling and sheet rock nails that had been blown out of place. The same storm caused a tree branch on River Road to bring overhead wires down. Arriving companies remained on scene until Montgomery Township's fire department could respond.

Thursday afternoon, August 12, brought a report of a smoke condition on the second floor of a residence on Greenholm Avenue. A nearby fire marshall reported heavy smoke showing from a second story window. The fire turned out to be in a window fan and was quickly extinguished. One occupant was taken to the hospital by the Princeton First Aid Rescue Squad for smoke inhalation.

Companies responded to a motor vehicle accident early Friday, August 13, when a car lost control and ran into a telephone pole on Route 206. Crews stood by while PSE&G cleared the roadway.

If residents of the Borough and Township are having construction done on their homes it is a good idea to call the alarm company to have systems put on test for the day to avoid false activations, especially if the contractors are creating dust in areas of the smoke detectors. The fire department appreciates the town's cooperation in this matter.

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Wine Tasting Benefit Set By Animal Rescue Group

Animal Friends for Education and Welfare (AFEW) will hold its first annual "Food and Wine Pairing" this Saturday, August 21, at Hopewell Valley Vineyards in Pennington. Proceeds will benefit the animal rescue organization, which seeks homes for domestic animals.

The event will feature the wines of Hopewell Valley Vineyards and food prepared by chef Cindy L. Groman of Wegmans. Music will be provided by Courtney and Constance Kaita.

Tickets are $40 and must be purchased in advance. They may be ordered by calling (609) 448-5322, or picked up at the Wegmans Wine Shop on Route 1.

Since its inception in 1993, AFEW has found homes for more than 1,800 animals. The organization also sponsors a spay/neuter van offering low-cost spay/neuter vaccinations for pet owners and other rescue organizations.

Hopewell Valley Vineyards is located at 46 Yard Road in Pennington.

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ON THE BALL: Community Park student Yuta Ishikawa is looking lucky at the YWCA's Friday the 13th Luau. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Police Blotter

Three 18-Year-Olds Arrested on Charges Of Drug Possession

A Ringoes man and two Princeton men, all 18 years of age, were arrested on August 11 following a 1:30 a.m. motor vehicle violation after the three were found to be in possession of cocaine and marijuana. The car in which they were traveling had been pulled over on Linden Lane by Ptl. Wayne Bender for a noise ordinance violation.

Those arrested were Sean Massimo of Province Line Road, the driver; Jason Hopkins of Wilkinson Way, a Hartway College student; and Sean Rochford of Ringoes, a University of Miami student. All three were charged with drug possession and with possession of alcohol by a minor. Mr. Massimo was additionally charged with having a counterfeit driver's license, violating the noise ordinance, and driving under the influence of alcohol.

The three men were released with complaint summonses to appear in court on August 23.

Three other minors, all Princeton University students, were arrested on August 10 for underage possession of alcohol and/or juvenile delinquency. The three men were Jordan P. Munde, 18, of Rolling Hills Estates, Calif.; Jake Staser, 18, of Anchorage, Alaska; and an unidentified 17-year-old from Staten Island. All were released with summonses to appear in court on August 23.

A 17-year-old Lawrenceville resident, Edgar A. Escobar-Castro, was injured on August 13 when the car he was driving, a 1998 Hyundai, left Route 206 and struck a telephone pole and mailbox beside the highway. The accident occurred at 2:33 a.m.

According to police, Mr. Escobar-Castro fell asleep at the wheel while travelling southbound on the highway south of Princeton. He was taken to the University Medical Center at Princeton for treatment of knee pain and a minor chest injury.

The accident closed Route 206 between Province Line Road and Hutchinson Drive until approximately 7:30 a.m. Mr. Escobar-Castro was charged with careless driving and with driving after midnight, a violation of his provisional license.

Christopher M. Russo, 46, of Lawrence Road, was arrested by Borough Police on August 10 when he was found, after a routine traffic violation on Nassau Street, to be wanted on an active warrant from Princeton Township Municipal Court. He was turned over to Township Police in default of $500 bail.

A 53-year-old Trenton man, John P. Madden, was apprehended for allegedly stealing a bicycle on Palmer Square on August 9, then found to be in possession of several crack pipes. He was then charged with possession of drug paraphernalia as well as theft, and ordered to appear in court August 16 on both charges.

A Boston man reported the theft of his Macintosh G4 Laptop Computer, valued at $2,500, from a University Place residence on August 11. Police have no suspect(s).

Two men were charged with hindering apprehension following a motor vehicle stop on Prospect Avenue on August 10. According to police, the passenger in the car, Arya Dadgar, 19, of Princeton-Kingston Road, attempted to get behind the wheel while the driver, Jimmy Wells of Trenton, tried to jump into the back seat. Police said that Mr. Wells, 21, did not have a driver's license. The two men were released with summonses to appear in court on August 23.

Township Police reported the theft of a 1991 Honda Civic valued at $1,000 from the Hollyhouse parking lot in Princeton Community Village, sometime during the night of August 13-14. It was not known if the car was locked at the time it was stolen.

An unidentified 29-year-old Township resident was the victim of aggravated assault on Clay Street at approximately 9 p.m. on August 14. He reported the attack the following day, after being treated at University Medical Center, claiming that he had been struck in the face and arm with a beer bottle by three unknown assailants he described only as black males.

A 17-year-old Princeton Day School student from Montgomery Township, also unidentified, was charged with driving while intoxicated after he was stopped for speeding on Nassau Street at 12:45 a.m. on August 14. An investigation by the arresting officer revealed that the youth had been operating his vehicle under the influence of alcohol. He was taken to Borough Police Headquarters, charged with several motor vehicle offenses, assigned an August 23 court date, and released to his father.

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GOING SKY HIGH: Girls from Princeton's YWCA Gymnastics Camp celebrated National Gymnastics Day on Friday, August 6, by holding a Cartwheel-A-Thon. The team raised $800 for the Children's Miracle Network, an international non-profit organization dedicated to helping children by raising funds and awareness for 170 children's hospitals throughout North America. Each year the hospitals treat more than 14 million children. Pictured is Jajce Waltz at the camp's end-of-summer luau.

(Photo by George Vogel)

Princeton High Grant

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designating someone for every 10 to 15 students. The advisor would meet with his or her designated group on a regular basis to discuss prevalent issues in the ninth grade, as well as meeting one-on-one with students who need particular attention.

A third option would be to develop a personal learning plan for every ninth grader, which would be individualized for each student. With the aid of an advisor, the students would map out the necessary steps to reach their goals.

Princeton High started the process of planning small learning communities during the past school year by having a group of approximately 18 teachers meet regularly to discuss the possibilities. This summer, teachers and administrators attended a conference in Mystic, Conn., where they began to sketch out the plans for implementation.

"Many of the specific plans are still being developed for the 2004-05 school year," said Mr. Snyder, adding that teachers are meeting during the month of August to further develop the program.

"Over the next three years additional components of implementation will evolve," he added.

While beginning with a focus on helping ninth graders transition into high school, the program will eventually personalize the learning experience for all students through twelfth grade, said Mr. Snyder: "The ultimate goal is to improve student learning and student achievement."

He added that forming smaller learning communities at the high school and giving students and teachers a voice in decision-making, along with building positive relationships among faculty and students, will help Princeton High School achieve the academic excellence it is always striving for.

"PHS is poised to continue in the role of a benchmark school for the state and nation," said Mr. Snyder.

—Candace Braun

HULA-HULA: Children getting into the spirit of the YWCA's end of summer camp luau last Friday.

(Photo by George Vogel)

Tours at Drumthwacket Begin After Labor Day

Princeton's historic Drumthwacket reopens on Wednesdays after Labor Day. Eleven significant paintings from New Jersey's major museums are new additions to the collection of New Jersey art and furnishings. Participants begin with a guided tour of the house and then explore the formal Italianate gardens. Parking is on site and admission is free. Reservations are required.

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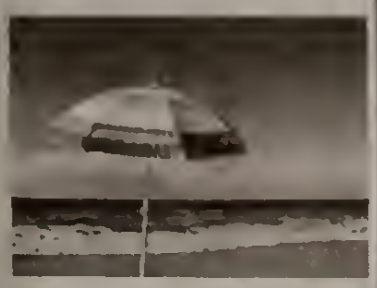

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Deer Committee

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count in late December and another in May, saying that if the herds in specific target areas are less than 130, the Township should rely only on sport hunting and road kills, and need no longer employ White Buffalo.

This past year, the report says, sport hunters killed a total of 80 deer, as compared to 110 in the 2002-2003 season, and 133 in 2001-2002. The evaluation committee said White Buffalo's culling impacted the reduction in deer taken by hunters.

The report recommended that if a sport hunting committee were to be formed within the Township, it should comprise hunters, police, a Township staff member, the Animal Control Officer, an individual familiar with a controlled hunt, and both a landowner who allows, and one who does not allow, hunting on their properties.

The report did say, however, that without proper oversight, sport hunting can be ineffective. Hunters at the Institute Woods, the report said, had a disappointing winter because they are "not likely to embrace a program of herd reduction," adding that those who hunt for sport "want more deer" rather than fewer.

Township Committee is expected to review the recommendation and address the issue at a future meeting.

—Matthew Hersh

Tristam Johnson Donation Goes to Swan Foundation

The Swan Historical Foundation of Princeton has announced receiving a $500 donation from UBS Financial Services —Princeton Fund at PACF in memory of former Swan chairman and UBS investment advisor Tristam B. Johnson, who died on January 31.

Princeton Area Community Foundation (PACF) connects donors with causes: in its words, "connecting people who care with causes that matter."

In keeping with a Johnson family request, Swan will apply the donation to development of the National Museum of the American Revolution, which it sponsors, at Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville.

The Swan Historical Foundation is named for early NJ congressman Samuel Swan of Somerville.

Tristam B. Johnson was a prominent Princetonan, active in town politics, and elected to the Borough Council in 1956. He served as a member (and former president) of the Rotary Club, the Nassau Club, and Nassau Presbyterian Church, where he served as an Elder. A founding trustee of SHF, Mr. Johnson was later chairman of Swan's Board of Trustees. History was his passion, and his personal library, which is now in storage at the Washington Crossing State Park Visitor Center/Museum, will form the core of the Tristam B. Johnson Memorial Library at an expanded museum facility.

Among Mr. Johnson's many children and grandchildren is his stepson, actor Christopher Reeve.

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McGreevey's Resignation

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done some good things that are now being colored by issues of integrity," she said, pointing out that New Jersey is now one of the leading states in stem cell research.

Borough Mayor Joe O'Neill, whose daughter is gay, also said he doesn't see a reason for Gov. McGreevey to leave office before November: "I'm not in favor of him leaving office now ... I see no reason to rush it."

Both mayors observed that there wasn't enough time before November to appoint candidates from either party.

Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, a Democrat, said he feels that Gov. McGreevey has always done what he felt was best for the state of New Jersey while in office: "I've known him for a long time and I feel he is very accomplished and I hate to see him [resign], but I do think it's what's best for him and his family."

Congressman Rush Holt, who just returned to the country on Sunday, was unavailable for comment.

Princeton Township resident and GOP Congressional Nominee Bill Spadea said that "while the family should be allowed to deal with this privately, the public has a right to know how deep this scandal runs."

He compared the governor's recent actions to a "tide of corruption, scandal, and mismanagement."

Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman declined to comment.

Although some residents are concerned with the impact of Gov. McGreevey's decision on New Jersey politics, others in the gay community are troubled by how his "coming out" coincided with his resignation. Members of Princeton University's Pride Alliance said they felt that the governor leaving office after declaring that he is gay could reflect poorly on the gay community.

"I feel that the focus of [Gov. McGreevey's] resignation will be on his coming out, rather than on issues of political patronage," said Jessie Weber, co-president of Pride Alliance. "It would be really unfortunate if Americans were led to believe that he had to resign because he is gay."

Ashley Rook, the other president of Pride Alliance, said that the governor is going through a difficult time and deserves the public's sympathy in matters of his personal life: "Realizing and coming to terms with one's homosexuality can be difficult for anybody... Having a family and being a well-known politician is not going to make it any easier. I hope Gov. McGreevey is able to work everything out with his family as best he can."

While the governor continues to be encouraged to leave office before November 15, he is currently standing his ground to remain for three more months.

—Candace Braun

Actress Winger to Speak At PHCS Health Conference

Debra Winger, the accomplished screen actress, will be the keynote speaker at Princeton HealthCare System's second annual conference for women. Ms. Winger will offer a presentation that will be highlighted by personal anecdotes and observations about women's issues, social causes, and her experiences as a woman, wife, mother, and actress.

The event, "Thriving on Balance: Your Health, Your Life," will be held Saturday, October 2 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Princeton on Route 1 North in West Windsor. The conference is supported by donations from Princeton HealthCare System's Medical and Dental Staff.

Ms. Winger captured international attention with performances in such films as *Terms of Endearment*, *An Officer and a Gentleman*, and *Urban Cowboy*. While her acting talent won her critical praise and three Academy Award nominations, Ms. Winger says she "didn't feel the work was connected with her life all the time." So she widened her sights and avidly pursued new opportunities. She married, had children, and worked on a film, *Big Bad Love*, with her loving husband — actor and director Arliss Howard. She performed with the American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge, Mass., was awarded a fellowship to teach "The Literature of Social Reflection" at Harvard University and went on tour with Michael Tilson-Thomas and the London Symphony Orchestra. She then explored writing, producing, and portraying mothers in films like *Radio* and *Eulogy*.

Ms. Winger has also emerged as an advocate for health issues serving as an ambassador for Sight Savers International. As a teenager, the actress won a personal battle with blindness that she suffered after an accident.

In addition to Ms. Winger, the conference will join together many of the area's leading experts in women's health and wellness. Physicians and staff from Princeton HealthCare System will lead seminars and panel discussions on timely and relevant topics that span all ages. Topics include power and balance in women's lives, nutrition and exercise, skin care and cosmetic surgery, vitamins and herbs, menopause, raising adolescent children, and safety.

Registration for "Thriving on Balance: Your Health, Your Life" is $45 per person, which includes all seminars, breakfast and lunch. Free childcare will be available. For more information and to register, visit www.princetonhcs.org or call (609) 497-4480.

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The Background: Federal tax law changes made in 2001 call for a gradual increase in the Federal estate tax exemption equivalent (the amount which each individual can pass to his/her heirs without incurring Federal estate tax). In 2001 the Federal exemption equivalent was $675,000. Today, the exemption equivalent is $1.5 million, remaining at that level through 2005. It then increases to $2 million in 2006, 2007 and 2008, and to $3.5 million in 2009. The Federal estate tax is eliminated in 2010, but then returns in 2011 with an exemption equivalent of $1.0 million.

The N.J. estate tax, just like the Federal estate tax, is a "death tax" based upon the value of the deceased individual's estate. It should not be confused with the N.J. inheritance tax which is another "death tax" but is based upon the relationship between the deceased individual and the beneficiary.

Prior to July 1, 2002, if there was no Federal estate tax due, then there would also be no N.J. estate tax. However, if an estate owed a Federal estate tax, then a portion of the Federal estate tax liability would be paid to New Jersey in the form of the N.J. estate tax and the balance would be paid to the Federal government. The N.J. estate tax did not increase the estate's death tax liability, but rather, resulted in a "sharing" of the Federal estate tax between the Federal government and New Jersey.

The Change: As a result of the gradually increasing Federal estate tax exemption equivalent, New Jersey was facing potential losses in revenue, since there would be no N.J. estate tax until estates exceeded the increased Federal exemption equivalent. To avoid this loss of revenue, New Jersey amended its estate tax law to provide that the N.J. estate tax will be calculated based upon the Federal estate tax as it existed in 2001 (when the Federal exemption equivalent was $675,000).

The Impact: This change in the N.J. estate tax particularly impacts married couples whose estate tax planning includes Wills incorporating so-called "credit shelter trusts" also referred to as A"by-pass trusts" (i.e., a trust funded with the full amount of the Federal exemption equivalent available to the first spouse to die). If such a trust is funded with an amount greater than $675,000, there will be an immediate N.J. estate tax, whereas prior to the change, no N.J. estate tax was due. In short, where previously taking full advantage of the Federal exemption upon the death of the first spouse to die resulted in no Federal or state estate tax liability, now doing so results in an immediate N.J. estate tax which could range between $64,400 (2004-2005) and $229,200 (2009).

In light of the changes, both in the Federal and New Jersey estate taxes, it is important to revisit existing estate plans and reexamine existing Wills and Trusts. Failing to do so could result in an unplanned tax bite.

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MUSIC AND THEATER

Scat Singer to Open Jazz Fridays Series At Peddie School

The Community Arts Partnership at the Peddie School (CAPPS) will begin its 2004-05 Jazz Fridays Series on Friday, October 8, with an 8 p.m. performance by vocalist Kurt Elling and pianist Fred Hersch in the school's Mount-Burke Theater. The concert will be preceded by a conversation with Mr. Elling from 7 to 7:30 p.m. in the theater.

Mr. Elling combines jazz singing with the spoken word, improvised scatting, and an appreciation of the classic jazz songbook. A six-time Grammy nominee, he has earned a reputation as a writer of vocalese, the art of setting words to instrumental solos. As early as his debut recording, *Close Your Eyes*, in 1995, he applied this talent to the music of such instrumental improvisers as saxophonists Wayne Shorter, Dexter Gordon and Freddie Hubbard. For *Mon In The Air*, his sixth release for Blue Note Records, the 35-year-old Chicagoan created original lyrics for compositions by saxophonist John Coltrane, pianist Herbie Hancock, guitarist Pat Metheny, and others.

The Elling-Hersch duo debuted at the Jazz Standard in New York City last December to a sold-out crowd. The success of that performance led to the upcoming Peddie concert.

Messrs. Hersch and Elling have been acclaimed by critics and audiences alike. Reviewing a performance by Mr. Elling, the magazine All About Jazz said, "he burst in, knocked everyone out, brushed off his hands, and moved on; mission accomplished." Mr. Hersch has been described by The New York Times as "a master who plays it his way."

Other performances in the Jazz Friday Series will include the Steve Turre Quartet on December 3, Brazilian duo Cesar Camargo Mariano and Romero Lubambo on March 4, 2005, and the Kate McGarry Trio on April 8.

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The Hopewell Valley Chorus will accept new members on September 13, 20, and 27 at 7:15 p.m. in the chorus room of Hopewell Valley High School. The community chorus is an unauditioned vocal group and welcomes adult singers of all ages and experience.

Weekly rehearsals are held at Hopewell Valley High School every Monday at 7:30 p.m.

The chorus presents a holiday concert, a spring concert in May, and *Spring Into Song*, its annual fund-raiser for the Trenton Children's Chorus, in March. This year's holiday concert will be held on Friday, December 3 at 8 p.m. in the new auditorium at Hopewell Valley High School. The chorus also sings at other events and functions, including Trenton Thunder Baseball games and the Hopewell Harvest Fair.

The chorus is under the direction of Dr. Marjorie K. Herman, who is currently the director of choral activities at the Mercer County Performing Arts High School and an associate professor of music at Mercer County Community College. The chorus is regularly accompanied in rehearsals and performances by pianist Kazuko Takeyama Yamashiro.

The membership fee is $30. For more information, call (609) 538-0777 or (609) 397-1619.

Boheme Opera Announces New Season Programming

Boheme Opera New Jersey has announced that it will open its 16th season on October 22 and 24 with a new production of two one-act operas, Pietro Mascagni's *Covollerio Rusticono* and Ruggiero Leoncavallo's *I Pogliocci*. Joseph R. Pucciatti will conduct.

The performances will take place at Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton, on Friday, October 22 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, October 24 at 3 p.m.

The company will also stage its premiere production of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Don Giovonni* at Patriots Theater on April 15 and 17, 2005. Both productions will be sung in Italian with English titles.

The upcoming Boheme Opera season will also include a fund-raising gala ball, on a date to be announced.

Tickets range from $25 to $62 and include a pre-curtain talk and free adjacent parking. To order tickets, call (609) 581-7200.

New Jersey Symphony Opens New Season September 11

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will open its 2004-05 subscription season on Saturday, September 11 at the War Memorial in Trenton, with a program featuring a world premiere and two familiar works. The highlight of the 8 p.m. concert will be the world premiere of a new *Triple Concerto* for clarinet, viola, and piano orchestra by the jazz pianist and Oscar-nominated film composer Lalo Schifrin.

Soloing in the three-movement concerto will be the New Jersey-based Halcyon Trio, an ensemble comprising violist Brett Deubner, clarinetist Andrew Lamy, and pianist Gary Kirkpatrick. Also featured on the program will be Mozart's *Hoffner* Symphony and excerpts from Prokofiev's ballet score to *Romeo and Juliet*.

The program, which will be led by guest conductor Anne Manson, will also be presented on Friday, September 10 at 8 p.m. at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

Mr. Schifrin has contributed music to nearly 200 feature films and television shows throughout his career, including the scores and themes for *The Mon from U.N.C.L.E.* and *Mission: Impossible*.

The music director of the Kansas City Symphony from 1999 to 2003, Ms. Manson has also recently appeared with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Houston Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Civic Orchestra of Chicago, and Honolulu Symphony, among others. She last led the NJSO in January.

Tickets range from $20 to $72, and can be ordered by visiting www.njsymphony.org, or by calling the NJSO ticket office at 1-800 ALLEGRO (1-800-255-3476), Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Home-Schooled Students To Get Chamber Orchestra

Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster Choir College, has announced that it will hold auditions for its new chamber orchestra for home-schooled students on Wednesday, September 8 and Tuesday, September 14 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Positions in the new orchestra will be open to students age 8 or older with at least one year of private instrumental instruction.

The orchestra will rehearse at the Conservatory on the Westminster campus in Princeton on Tuesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. beginning September 21. To schedule an audition, call the Conservatory at (609) 921-7104.

Conservatory faculty member and cellist Laurie Porter will conduct the ensemble. A member of the Conservatory's faculty for the past 10 years, she was also a member of the faculty of the Waldorf School for six years, where she conducted the fifth-grade orchestra. She is also the cello instructor at the String Academy of the International Charter School of Trenton.

The new chamber orchestra will offer home-schooled students the opportunity to develop reading skills that reinforce note reading and strengthen rhythmic security. Members will also concentrate on contrasting repertoire that lends itself to a better understanding of style and musical expression. It will perform twice in the coming year.

Westminster Conservatory offers individual and group music instruction for people of all ages and stages of ability. For a current catalog, call (609) 921-7104.

Princeton Pro Musica Auditioning for Singers

Princeton Pro Musica is now auditioning volunteer and paid choral singers for its 26th season. Led by founder and music director Frances Fowler Slade, the chorus will celebrate its 26th year with Mozart's C minor Moss, Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*, Dave Brubeck's *Hold Fost to Dreoms*, and Handel's *Messioh*.

There are openings in all voice parts. "Volunteer singers should have choral experience, and sight-reading ability is a plus," said Ms. Slade. "The standards for professional singers are more demanding, but choral experience remains paramount."

Princeton Pro Musica includes a 100-voice chorus, a chamber chorus, and orchestra. The chorus has performed in Carnegie Hall with the Opera Orchestra of New York, and with many area orchestras.

To audition, singers should contact Princeton Pro Musica at (609) 683-5122.

The chorus rehearses on Tuesday evenings at All Saints' Church in Princeton. Concerts will be performed in Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium, Nassau Presbyterian Church, and Patriots Theater at the War Memorial Auditorium in Trenton.

Formerly on the choral faculty of Rutgers University, Ms. Slade is currently director of music at All Saints' Episcopal Church. Her many honors include the Douglass Medal for outstanding service to the Douglass College community at Rutgers University.

Westminster Conservatory Expands Its Jazz Program

Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster Choir College, has expanded its jazz program to include two new jazz ensembles and studies in jazz history, theory, and improvisation.

Beginning September 11, the Conservatory will offer two new ensembles, Jazz Combo and Westminster Big Band. Auditions for both will be held on Wednesday, September 8, or by appointment.

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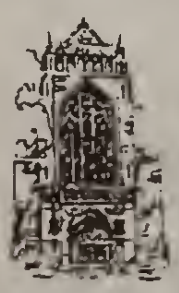

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The Westminster Big Band is open to students in grade 9 through adult. Participants will rehearse and perform in a big band, playing well-known compositions from the swing era and beyond. Advanced members will have the opportunity to perform improvised solos. The band will also present a spring, 2005 performance.

In addition to the ensembles, the new program will feature several classes in jazz history and jazz theory for students from grade 9 through adult. Classes will include a survey of jazz history and jazz theory and improvisation. The program will be led by Edward Taylor, a member of the Conservatory's faculty since 1998, and an active jazz drummer who performs and records with several groups.

Mr. Taylor holds a bachelor's degree in jazz studies from the Mason Gross School of the Arts, as well as a master's degree and a doctorate in theory and composition from Rutgers University. His recent recordings include The *Enlightened Ones* with Groove Apparatus and *Brazilian* with The Jim Josselyn Group. His compositions have been performed by Harvey Sollberger and the New York New Music Ensemble; the NYU New Music Ensemble, and the Society for Chromatic Art.

Westminster Conservatory offers music instruction for people of all ages and stages of ability at five locations — Westminster Choir College, Princeton Academy, St. Ann's School in Lawrenceville, Crossroads School in South Brunswick, and Jersey Shore Arts Center in Ocean Grove.

To schedule an audition or to request a current catalog, call Westminster Conservatory at (609) 921-7104.

Workshop to Offer Plays By New Jersey Playwrights

The 2004-05 Dramatists Workshop Series at the Peddie School will begin with readings of two plays by New Jersey playwrights Jeffrey Ford and David Occhino. The readings will be held on Wednesday, September 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Longstreet Hall at the Peddie School in Hightstown.

The evening will feature staged readings of Mr. Ford's *Creation* and Mr. Occhino's *Some Time Off*, both works-in-progress. Following the readings, the audience will be invited to discuss the plays with the artists, with the idea that the dialogue may help them refine their work.

The Dramatists Workshop Series is a program of the Community Arts Partnership at the Peddie School (CAPPS).

Mr. Ford is the author of *The Portrait of Mrs. Charbuque*, *The Physiognomy*, and *The Fantasy Writer's Assistant*. More than 50 of his short stories have appeared in a variety of magazines and anthologies. He is the recipient of the Nebula Award and three World Fantasy Awards. A resident of Medford Lakes, he is an assistant professor of writing at Brookdale Community College.

Born and raised in Verona, Mr. Occhino is pursuing a career as a writer. After earning degrees in English, creative writing and screenwriting, he began working as a production assistant in television. His credits include The *Sopranos*, *E.R.*, and *The Jury*. His production company, TuTee Productions, began filming *Three Rounds*, a feature film written by Mr. Occhino, this past summer. The film is set in Trenton and will be shot throughout Mercer County.

Admission for Dramatists Workshop Series readings is free. For a season brochure or more information, call (609) 490-7550 or visit www.peddie.org/capps.

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CINEMA REVIEW — *"Intimate Strangers"*

Another Paradoxical Pairing of Protagonists Courtesy of Patrice Leconte

French Director Patrice Leconte has perfected the art of probing the human psyche by placing a couple of strangers with nothing in common into emotionally straining circumstances. In 1997, he landed a Best Foreign Film Oscar nomination for *Ridicule*, a biting satire about social climbing.

More recently, he received critical acclaim for *Girl on the Bridge* (1999), a melodrama which revolved around the relationship of a suicidal 21 year-old nymphomaniac and the middle-aged circus performer who talks her out of jumping. Last year, he successfully paired a straitlaced professor with a bank thief he unknowingly befriends at the drug store in *Man on o Train*.

A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY: William (Fabrice Luchini, left) a tax attorney, posing as a psychotherapist, invites his "patient" Anna (Sandrine Bonnaire) into his office for one of their therapy sessions. *(Photo by Catherine Cabrol)*

Intimate Strongers (Confidences Trop Intimes), the latest in Leconte's intriguing offerings, is a thought provoking inquiry into the nature of longing and desire. Set in present day Paris, this multi-layered mystery follows the liaison between unhappily-married Anna (Sandrine Bonnaire) and William (Fabrice Luchini), the tax attorney she mistakes for her new psychoanalyst, Dr. Monnier (Michael Duchaussoy).

Instead of immediately informing the attractive woman of her mistake, William welcomes the interruption to his humdrum existence. Anna, by contrast, is so consumed by an urgent need to discuss her problems that she fails to notice that she's sitting in a lawyer's office or that her attentive counselor Isn't even a psychotherapist.

After requesting permission to smoke, the distraught chain-smoker proceeds to share the particulars of her problems. She's been married for four years to a man whose demeanor changed when he had to stop working suddenly. Now, he's stopped touching her and treats her like a little girl. With no one to talk to besides her abusive hubby, Anna says she's seeking psychiatric help because she's afraid she'll go mad otherwise.

At this point the picture presents the first of a series of ethical concerns. Should William inform Anna of her mistaken presumption, or should he allow the vulnerable woman's very personal revelations to continue? Not only does the unscrupulous attorney opt for the latter, but he takes a check at the end of the session and schedules her for regular weekly appointments.

Between visits he consults with the real Dr. Monnier, whose office is down the hall, on how to handle his neurotic new patient. While Monnier doesn't blow the impostor's cover, he does suggest that William might be the one who needs help, and he charges him for this advice.

With each session, Anna opens up more and more, sharing increasingly intimate aspects of her private life. Soon, it becomes impossible for the untrained William to winnow out fact from fiction in listening to the graphic details, because new parts of her tale appear to contradict earlier ones.

Though he can't tell whether he's dealing with a seriously disturbed patient, or a manipulative one with a secret agenda, William is too turned on by his client's fantasies to admit that he is in way over his head. What complicates the labyrinthine plot further is Anna's apparent sense of violation when she learns that she's being treated by a fraud. Surprisingly, she decides to continue with the soul-baring sessions.

The palpable sexual tension between the two mounts as William attempts to unravel the mystery of Anna's mind. Will they or won't they, and why or why not? *Intimate Strongers* is an unpredictable drama which cleverly keeps the audience on edge and guessing right up until the very end. Kudos to Patrice Leconte for a provocative mood piece.

Excellent (★★★★). Rated R for graphic sexual dialogue. In French with subtitles.

—Kam Williams

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Befare Sunset (R for expletives and sexual references). Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy both reprise their roles in this sequel to *Before* Sunrise (1995). Again directed by Richard Linklater, this philosophical drama has the now-married American author (Hawke) on a book tour in Paris where he re-encounters the French environmental activist (Delpy) he'd spent a stimulating day with some nine years earlier.

The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13 for violence, intense action and some profanity). Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Julia Stiles and Brian Cox return for a sequel to *The Bourne Identity*. This international espionage thriller, based on the 2nd installment in the best-selling Robert Ludlum trilogy, has hero Bourne (Damon) forced out of retirement to defuse a diplomatic crisis after he is implicated in an assassination.

Callateral (R for violence and profanity). Michael Mann directs this crime thriller about a cabbie (Jamie Foxx) who doesn't know that the customer (Tom Cruise) he's been driving around all day is a contract killer.

De-Lovely (PG-13 for sex content). Kevin Kline stars in this musical biography of composer Cole Porter which examines both the professional and unorthodox private life of the celebrated gay songwriter, who barely hid his homosexuality by marrying a sympathetic socialite (Ashley Judd).

Exarcist: The Beginning (R for violence, gruesome images, profanity, and sexual dialogue). This prequel to the horror trilogy based on the William Peter Blatty best-seller stars Stellan Skarsgard as a missionary priest who encounters Satan incarnate in 1940s East Africa. Note that this production switched directors in mid-shoot.

Garden State (R for sex, expletives, and drug use). Semi-autobiographical romance drama, written by, directed by, and starring Zach Braff about a lithium-dependent TV star, back in his hometown for the first time in 9 years to attend his mother's funeral, who meets the Jersey girl (Natalie Portman) of his dreams.

Harold ond Kumar Ga to White Castle (R for crude humor, drug use, sex, and expletives). Road movie about a couple of roommates, one Korean, the other Indian, on a life-transforming journey around New Jersey in search of the home of the world's tiniest hamburger.

A Home ot the End of the Warld (R for drug use, sex, expletives, nudity, and a disturbing incident). Based on the Michael Cunningham novel of the same name, this coming-of-age drama traces the unorthodox, 12-year friendship of a couple of people from Ohio from the late sixties into the eighties.

Intimate Strangers (R for sexual dialogue). Relationship drama, directed by Patrice Leconte, about a woman (Sandrine Bonnaire) who mistakes a tax attorney (Fabrice Luchini) for her new pschiatrist (Michael Duchaussoy) and proceeds to share her deep, dark secrets with the accommodating stranger. In French with subtitles.

I, Robot (PG-13 for stylized action and brief nudity). Scl-fi thriller, set In 2035, stars Will Smith as a Chicago cop assisted by a cyborg psychologist (Bridget Moynahan) trying to understand why robots have taken to killing humans.

Little Black Book (PG-13 for profanity, sexual content, and off-color humor). A romantic comedy with Brittany Murphy as a snoop who sneaks into her boyfriend's Palm Pilot to contact his exes to determine whether he'll ever get over his fear of commitment.

The Manchurian Candidate (R for violence and profanity). Denzel Washington stars in this remake of the 1962 political potboiler about a brainwashed former prisoner-of-war who returns to America unknowingly programmed by the enemy. With Meryl Streep, Jon Voight, Bill Irwin, BeBe Winans, Obba Babatunde, and Al Franken.

Moria, Full of Grace (R for drug use, graphic images, and profanity). Harrowing tale about a pregnant 17-year-old Colombian woman who agrees to smuggle heroin into the U.S. for a vicious kingpin in return for a big payday. In Spanish with subtitles.

The Princess Diories 2: Royol Engogement (G). Sequel to Disney's surprise hit of the summer of 2001 has San Francisco ugly duckling-turned-European royalty now in the mythical country of Genovia where she learns that she must marry in 30 days or lose the crown. Anne Hathaway, Julie Andrews, Hector Elizondo, Heather Matarazzo, Larry Miller, and Katherine Marshall reprise their roles.

Spider-Man 2 (PG-13 for stylized action violence). Tobey Maguire reprises his title role as Marvel Comics' Superhero, this time to save the planet from the dastardly designs of a mad scientist known as Dr. Octopus (Alfred Molina). Also returning are Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Ted Raimi, Elizabeth Banks, and Bruce Campbell.

The Villoge (PG-13 for frightening situations and violence). Another creepy feature from M. Night Shyamalan set in Pennsylvania. This tale takes place in 1897 in a tiny town with a population of 60 surrounded by mythical creatures who live in the woods.

Without o Poddle (PG-13 for sex, expletives, drug use, violence, and crude humor) City meets country comedy about the backwoods woes of three buddies from Philly in the pacific northwest for a canoeing camping trip which goes horribly wrong. Spoof even includes cameo by Burt Reynolds. ***Yu-Gi-Oh!*** (PG for scary combat and monster images). This full-length animated sci-fi feature, based on the Japanese, kiddie TV-series, revolves around the exploits of a teenager boy who Inadvertently awakens Anubis, an ancient, evil Egyptian spirit bent on world domination. **— Kam Williams**

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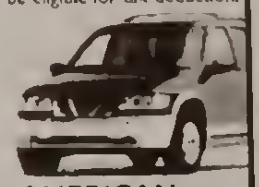

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"INTIMATE LANDSCAPES": Black and white photography by Stockton artist Deborah Sussna will be on exhibit at The Gallery at Chapin beginning Wednesday, September 15. Pictured is Ms. Sussna's photo, "Yosemite Trees."

Chapin To Exhibit Sussna's Photography

The Gallery at Chapin will showcase the black and white landscape photography of Stockton artist Deborah Sussna for its first exhibit of the school year.

The show, entitled, "Intimate Landscapes," will run from September 7 through October 1. The public is invited to an opening reception on Wednesday, September 15, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Ms. Sussna has studied photography for many years, most notably with Michael A. Smith, Robert Sussna, and the late Kate Carter; she also studied master printing with George Tice and in the Maine Photographic Workshops in Rockport, Maine.

Her work has been shown at Trenton State College, the Hunterdon County Art Museum, and Philips Mill in New Hope, Pa. She won the Purchase Prize of the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission at the College of New Jersey Exhibit in 1996.

Ms. Sussna's landscapes depict scenes in California, the southwest, Maine, Canada's Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and Alberta, and Spain. In addition to the opening, the exhibit can be viewed by appointment during school hours by calling (609) 924-7206.

Plainsboro Arts Festival Calls for Local Artists

Artists, musicians, dancers, poets, and creative performers of all sorts will gather together in Plainsboro's municipal plaza on Saturday, September 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. for the Ninth Annual Festival of the Arts. Organizers at the Plainsboro Public Library are currently looking for area talent to join in the afternoon's festivities.

The event is unique in its mission to engage people of all ages in the "making of art." Artistic opportunities will include modern dance, digital photography, totem construction, creative kites, painting, and singing.

Professional artists are invited to join in the Gallery's juried competition of "inventive art." Each year artists engage in the challenge of creating artistic works that incorporate materials they exchange with each other. Works this year will feature innovative uses of fibers, wires, and commemorate the 125th birthday of Thomas Edison's lightbulb and the library's summer of "Everything Edison."

Each artist must bring a supply of fibers or wires for the creative inventory bazaar on Saturday, August 28. Finished artwork must be at the library by 5 p.m. on September 11. The juried show will announce awards at the Festival Gala on Friday, September 17.

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"HEARTLAND": This haunting 1994 Bo Bartlett oil-on-linen piece will appear at the Pennsylvania Academy of the fine Arts as part of the exhibit, "Heartland: Paintings and Drawings by Bo Bartlett, 1978-2002," beginning September 18 and running through November 14. The show aims to deliver familiar scenes and domestic portrayals to enhance a national identity.For further information, please call (215) 972-7600 or visit www.pafa.org.

"DRIFTING": This Thomas Eakins watercolor-on-paper is part of Princeton resident John Wilmerding's collection currently on display at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. as part of "American Masters from Bingham to Eakins: The John Wilmerding Collection." The show will be on view at the Gallery's East Building through January 30, 2005.

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Mudd Exhibition Shows FDR Political Cartoons

Scathing political humor and election-year controversy are not unique to the 21st century, as a new exhibit of 64-year-old political cartoons at Princeton University's Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library demonstrates. On view from the present through Monday, Jan. 31, "Testing Boundaries: Cartoon Visions of Roosevelt's Third Term" follows the 1940 presidential nomination and election process as seen through the keen satirical eyes of the day's well-known cartoonists.

As he neared the end of his second term in office, Franklin Delano Roosevelt believed that he still had much to accomplish as president. Though he faced criticism from within his own party as well as from his Republican opponents, Roosevelt eventually decided to run for an unprecedented third term. Some critics expressed concern that by breaking the two-term tradition established by George Washington, Roosevelt would set a harmful precedent; others were concerned about the continuation of his "New Deal" policies or his foreign policy agenda.

Drawing from the Mudd Library's collections of 20th-century political cartoons, the illustrations on display use the exaggerated images characteristic of most political cartoons to emphasize the problems and questions at the forefront of the public's attention. One of the most potent includes a large line drawing of George Washington with the admonition, "No Third Term, No Foreign Entanglements." Another depicts Roosevelt as the ringmaster of a circus who is about to pull a surprise out of his hat as the world looks on, while yet another illustrates the third term as a package carried by a Trojan horse. From the first mention of a possible third term to the partisan debates it engendered, these cartoons show the issues in a light that cannot easily be matched by text alone.

"Testing Boundaries" is open to the public without charge from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and until 7:15 p.m. Wednesday. Beginning in September, exhibit hours will be 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday and until 7:45 p.m. Wednesday. A Web companion to the exhibit will be available at: http://infoshare1.princeton.edu/libraries/firestone/rbsc/mudd/online_ex/fdr/index.html

The Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library is located at 65 Olden St. For more information, please call (609) 258-6345 or e-mail mudd@princeton.edu.

Rock Group 'Sage' At Grounds for Sculpture

The four-piece rock group Sage will be appearing on Friday, August 27, at 7 p.m. at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton. The group will be accompanied by a painter who will be creating an original visual art work during the performance.

A light dinner is available from The Cafe by Chez Alice prior to the show. Tickets for the concert are $5 and can be purchased in advance by calling (609) 586-0616, ext. 20.

Grounds for Sculpture is a public charitable organization consisting of a 35-acre sculpture park and two indoor museums, located on the site of the former New Jersey State Fairgrounds, 18 Fairgrounds Road. For more information, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Watercolor Society To "Push the Envelope"

In celebration of the Garden State Watercolor Society's 35th anniversary, a special exhibition, "Pushing the Envelope," is scheduled to take place at the Montgomery Center for the Arts from August 22 through September 26.

The exhibition is open to all current GSWS members, and any artist over the age of 18 who resides in New Jersey. More than $8,000 in prizes will be presented during the reception and awards presentation on Friday, September 10, from 5 to 8 p.m.

GSWS is a non-political, nonprofit organization with the primary goal of encouraging and promoting watercolor painting, while providing educational opportunities for artists and residents in New Jersey.

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Sports

Former Princeton Ice Hockey Star Faust Primed for Role on Tiger Coaching Staff

It was a bit of a long shot but Andre Faust has never been afraid to take a chance.

After 12 years of pro hockey, the former Princeton University star Faust heard that his alma mater was bringing a new coaching staff to guide its struggling hockey program.

Believing that he could make a good coach, Faust e-mailed Princeton Athletic Director Gary Walters to inform that he was interested in being part of the new coaching set-up.

After Princeton hired Guy Gadowsky away from the University of Alaska at Fairbanks to be the program's new head coach, the resourceful Faust put in a call to him and got himself an interview.

It didn't take long for Gadowsky to figure out what Faust could bring to the table as a coach at Princeton and he offered him a job in their first meeting.

Sitting outside his coaching office recently in Baker Rink, an upbeat Faust is relishing the challenges ahead.

"I think it's going to be a learning year," said Faust in the French accent of his native Joliette, Quebec.

"Coaching at the college level is not like coaching at the pro level where you run practice, watch videotape, and then go home. There is a lot more involved here. You have to take care of recruiting, admissions, financial aid."

> *"The great thing about this is that it's really my heart. When you love something, it's easy to convince recruits to come. I'd love the recruits that come here to have as good an experience as I had."*

Faust, who grew up speaking mainly French, took his first major chance in hockey when he went to Upper Canada College prep school (UCC) to upgrade his skills on the ice and learn English.

"There was a little bit of an unknown," said Faust, reflecting on his decision to go to UCC. "I didn't know what the hockey was going to be like and I didn't speak that much English. Basically, the ultimate goal was to move on to college and then try to play pro hockey."

Overcoming those challenges, Faust thrived at the UCC, scoring 78 points as junior and then exploding for 125 points as a senior on 66 goals and 59 assists.

After his UCC career, Faust made one visit to Princeton and that put him on another bold path. "I loved it," said Faust, recalling his on-campus visit. "Obviously Princeton has a great reputation. I came in here for a visit and just had a really, really good time. I enjoyed the campus and all the guys on the team were pretty good guys. I just wanted to get in."

Once he got the good news that he had been accepted, Faust spent the summer before college honing his skills in a summer hockey league in Montreal.

It didn't take long for Faust to show that he belonged in Princeton as he scored 39 points as a freshman on 15 goals and 24 assists. His sparkling debut earned him the ECAC Rookie of the Year award, making him just the second Princeton player to take that honor.

Faust finished his Tiger career with 150 points, making him the No. 2 scorer in school history. He is third in career goals (63) and second in assists (87). The productive Faust, who studied economics at Princeton, twice won the Blackwell Trophy as the team's Most Valuable Player.

For Faust, his Princeton years were a time of growth on and off the ice. "I learned about systems, that's for sure," said Faust with a chuckle.

"When you move on and up a level, you can't just dominate; you have to learn to play a system. I had a good time at Princeton. I just can't pinpoint one highlight but if I was I would say it's the friendships I made there."

Faust's exploits ended up attracting the interest of the National Hockey League and he signed with the Philadelphia Flyers after graduating from Princeton in 1992.

Characteristically, Faust was up for the challenge presented by playing at the highest level of the game. "Not a lot of Princeton guys had moved on to the next level but I was confident that I could make it," said Faust. "I think that was probably the difference."

Faust figured to start his pro career with the Hershey Bears of the American Hockey League but he got called up to Philadelphia on the eve of the season.

Hitting the ice at the Spectrum against the Detroit Red Wings and future Hall-of-Famer Steve Yzerman, Faust didn't wait to make his presence felt as he scored a goal on his second shift in the NHL.

That magical moment stands as one of the highlights of Faust's hockey career. "It was great," asserted Faust with his eyes lighting up. "It was the first time I had played in front of 18,000-19,000 people. It was just amazing, it was an incredible feeling."

Unfortunately for Faust, the rest of his NHL career didn't go quite as smoothly as the center split time between the NHL and the AHL.

He ultimately played 47 games for the Flyers over two seasons, scoring 10 goals and adding seven assists for a career point NHL point total of 17.

"It was hard because I never got settled," said Faust, who is one of six former Tigers to ever play in the NHL. "You're always wondering if you're going to be up there full-time. It's definitely hard to stay up at that level."

After four seasons of pro hockey, Faust made another bold move as he accepted an offer in 1996 to play with the Augsburger Panthers of the German league.

"I didn't know much about Germany," said Faust, reflecting on his move to Europe. "I figured I'd go for a year and see what's it like. I loved it. My eight years in Europe were just a great, great cultural experience."

Things went pretty well on the ice for Faust as he scored 40 points in his debut season in Germany and followed that with 33 points and 37 points in his next two seasons, respectively.

Faust does know a lot about Princeton and he feels that he will be a major asset as he starts his coaching career. "I feel I bring a lot to the program from my experience here," said Faust, who will be living in Moorestown with his wife and their two young sons. "Having played here obviously you know the demands of being a student here."

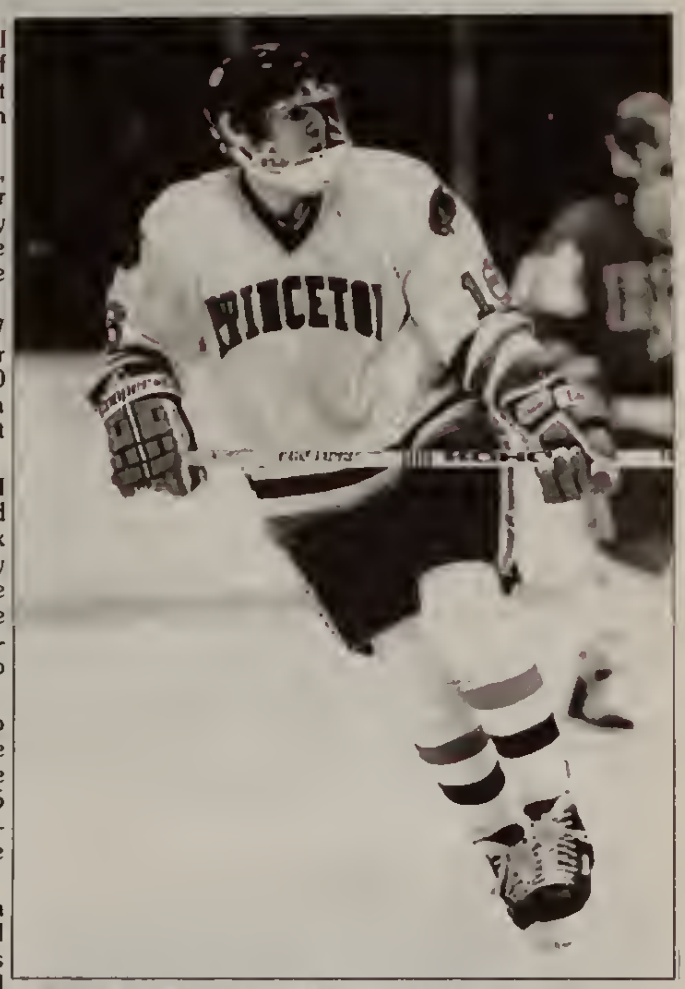
With his resume as a prolific scorer, Faust will be making demands on the Tiger forwards this winter as the program looks to rebound from a two-season stretch in which they have posted an 8-50-5 combined mark.

"The team is going to be much more offensive-minded than in the past," asserted Faust, noting that Gadowsky's teams in Fairbanks were known for their high-powered attack. "We're going to play more of a pressure game, always in their face and looking to create turnovers. I'll be working with the forwards more than the defenders."

Faust, though, will be looking to pass on a deeper message to his charges. "The great thing about this is that it's really my heart," said Faust with a broad grin in reflecting on being a coach at Princeton. "When you love something, it's easy to convince recruits to come. I'd love the recruits that come here to have as good an experience as I had."

The incoming Tigers will have to be ready to take some chances if they are to approach Faust's impact on the Princeton program.

—Bill Alden



FAUSTIAN BARGAIN: Andre Faust glides on the Baker Rink ice during his storied career at Princeton University which saw him graduate in 1992 as the school's No.2 all-time scorer with 150 points. After playing 12 seasons in pro hockey, including two stints with the Philadelphia Flyers of the NHL, Faust has returned to Princeton as an assistant coach with the men's ice hockey team.

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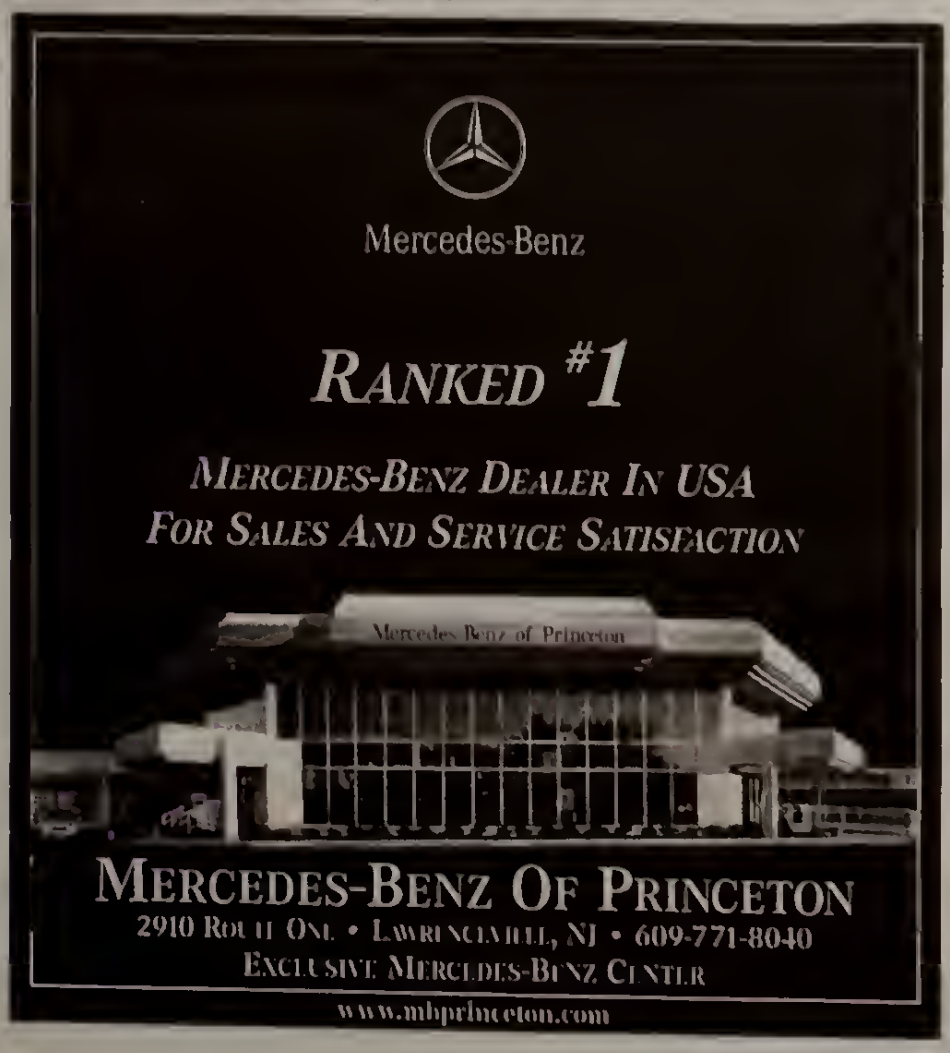

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Tiger Lightweight Crew Coach Smith Leaving With Pride in What She Built

Unfortunately for the Princeton University crew program, women's lightweight head coach Heather Smith recently decided to head for the hills of the Adirondacks.

But Smith, who led the Tigers to five national titles in seven seasons at the helm, is confident the program won't be left high and dry in her absence.

"I will remember the resources at the boathouse in terms of the equipment, athletes, and coaches," said Smith, who is moving to Saratoga Springs, N.Y. where her husband, Steve Toman, will be starting a new job with a medical communications company.

"All the people in the boathouse made it a great experience for me. The coming year will be great for the boathouse. It's a strong group and the new coach who replaces me will have a lot to work with."

Matching Smith's achievements will be a tall order for her successor. Becoming the program's first coach in 1997, the feisty Smith proceeded to build the Tiger women's lightweight team into a national power.

She guided Princeton to five-peat of national crowns as her rowers took the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) women's lightweight titles in each year from 1999-2003.

Last spring, the Tigers fell just short of a sixth straight national title as they placed second to powerful Wisconsin in the IRA championship race.

As she assessed her legacy at Princeton, Smith focused on her team carving out a place in the Tiger crew community rather than what it achieved on a national level.

"I hope I was able to put the women's lightweight team in a position where it added to the pre-existing excellence in the boathouse," asserted Smith, who also led her program to five Eastern Sprint titles.

"Other teams in the boathouse have done so many great things and have contributed so much. I hope that we became an additional attribute at the boathouse."

With Smith having led her boats to many great triumphs in her tenure, she said no single race or team stood out above the others. Instead, it was a general vision of a job well done that springs to her head when she looks back on her program's achievements.

"In my mind's eye, I look back and I can see rowers after they've done well in a race," said Smith, a star rower herself at Trinity (Conn.) College who won the school's scholar-athlete award.

"I wouldn't say that any particular races stand out. I just loved the look of exhilaration in the rowers' faces after they had accomplished something."

After being so immersed in her pioneering role in the Princeton boathouse community, Smith is ready to test other waters.

She has no firm plans at this point, other than to spend time with her husband and young son exploring the mountains and forests of the Adirondack area that they have escaped to over the years for recreation.

With a slight chuckle, Smith acknowledges that she may not be able to long resist the pull of her sport.

"There a lot of clubs and high school programs in the Albany, Schenectady, and Saratoga Springs area," said Smith. "It would be interesting to see how other programs work."

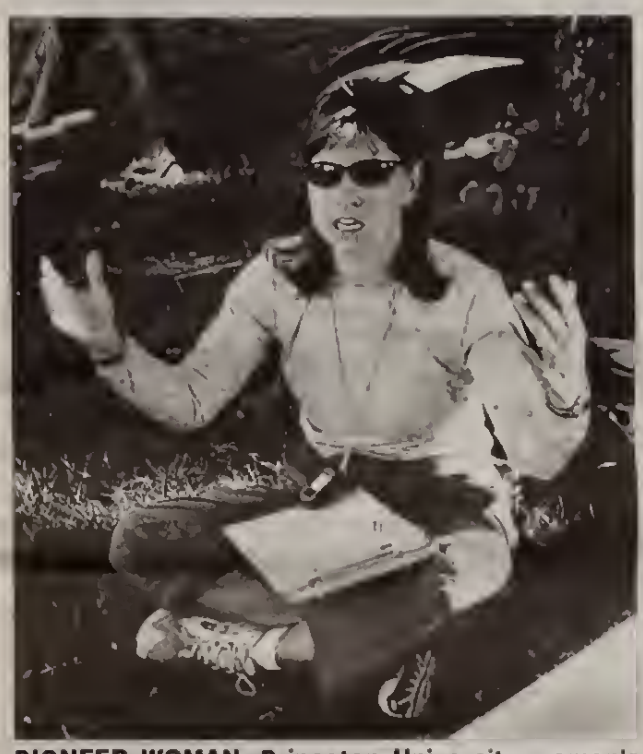
Whether or not Smith returns to the sport, she is going to miss being on and around Lake Carnegie come next spring.

"I'm sad that I can't see my seniors through," said Smith, who admitted she didn't relish saying her final goodbye to her boathouse colleagues.

"The longer period of time that you work with an athlete, the more close you feel to her. I will miss being out on the water with the team and the interaction on a daily basis with the athletes and the other coaches."

And the members of the boathouse community will surely miss Smith.

—Bill Alden



PIONEER WOMAN: Princeton University women's lightweight crew head coach Heather Smith instructs her rowers last June at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) championship regatta. Smith, who became Princeton's first women's lightweight head coach in 1997, is leaving the program to move to Saratoga Springs, N.Y. where her husband will be working with a medical communications company. Smith led the Tigers to five IRA national titles during her Princeton tenure. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

PRECIOUS MEMORY: Princeton women's lightweight head coach Heather Smith, third from right, is all smiles as she celebrates with her rowers in 2003 after they won the program's fifth straight national title. It turned out to be the last national title at Princeton for Smith, who guided the Tigers to a second place finish in 2004 and recently announced that she is leaving the program. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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Princeton Special Sports Keeps Growing As It Enhances Lives on and off the Field

By the spring of 2003, 11-year-old John Diver was sick and tired of seeing his two younger brothers have all the fun when it came to playing sports.

John, who has autism, got signed up to play baseball for Princeton Special Sports (PSS), a volunteer organization created to give special needs children the chance to play youth sports in a setting tailored to their abilities.

When John first started showing up for the Sunday sessions at the Community Park diamonds, he could only hit the ball off the tee. By the end of that first season, he was swatting pitched balls around the field.

More importantly, those Sunday afternoons became the highlight of John's week as he would typically be in uniform, ready to play, hours before heading to the field.

Diver, who branched out to the PSS basketball program this winter, is just one of the many success stories spawned by the organization which has grown from eight players to around 30 and is adding soccer this fall as a third sport.

The PSS program seeks to give the athletes individual attention, utilizing adult coaches and "buddies," local children who are paired up with the players in order to help them better perform on the field or court.

In the view of Ann Diver, John's mother, PSS has improved the quality of her son's life on many levels. "It's really helped John with social interaction," said Diver.

"One part of autism is that kids don't want to reach out. John is more willing to ask for help now, He's more willing to give things a try. Physically, he's much more capable. He had two younger siblings who were going to games and wearing their uniforms all year long. This was his time."

John's growing confidence came through on the basketball court at the PSS hoops program which took place last winter in the Princeton Day School gym. "It was great to see John under the basket and yelling for someone to pass him the ball," recalled Diver with a laugh.

John's success in PSS has impacted his younger brother, Owen, who joined the program as a buddy. "It's helped John a lot," said Owen, who will be starting sixth grade this fall at the Princeton Academy. "Each kid is different in their own way. Some kids need more help than others."

Being a buddy with PSS has Owen looking forward to Sundays as well. "I love to see them go out and play," added Owen. "I've gotten some of my friends to come out and help. It just makes me feel like I am helping people."

The experience of the Diver family with PSS is exactly what Deborah Martin Norcross had in mind when she founded the program in 2001.

"I was watching my kids play in Little League and I wondered if disabled kids could play baseball," recalled Norcross, a local attorney.

"I checked with the Little League and they told me about their Challenger Division, a program for special needs baseball players. I heard that only Nottingham had a program in District 12 so I decided to start one in Princeton. We had eight kids when we started in 2001."

The positive response that Norcross got from the players and the parents led the group to eventually drop out of the Challenger program in order add basketball and now soccer. Currently, the not-for-profit group has around 30 players from ages 4-18, with about half from Princeton and the others coming from such neighboring towns as Lawrenceville and Montgomery.

On a typical session, there will be 25 players, 25 buddies and 10 coaches, assuring that the athletes get the attention they need to progress.

The children are typically split into groups with one segment playing in a game environment and the others working on their skills. The players have a range of needs, with some having physical disabilities and others having cognitive or attention-related disorders.

Norcross is not surprised at how PSS has mushroomed. "It's addictive," declared Norcross, who is currently the PSS President and helped put together the group's website, www.princetonspecialsports.com.

"The kids have so much fun. It's amazing. I just love it when you watch kids who are afraid to go on the field at first or even put on a hat and now they are cheering the other kids on. The camaraderie is great, one of the important parts of this is that they are really a part of a team. They cheer each other."

That support helps the athletes off-the-field as well. "The parents say it carries into other areas," added Norcross. "The kids are just more self confident."

The adults involved certainly enjoy being part of the PSS team. "Every adult who has come out to help has enjoyed it and stayed involved," said Norcross, who has carved out time each Sunday to be on the field with the program. "It's totally infectious. The parents of the players are a huge force. They help us with the kids individually and as a group."

A special component of the group's success has been the work of the buddies. "The buddies have a blast, they really enjoy encouraging the athletes," explained Norcross.

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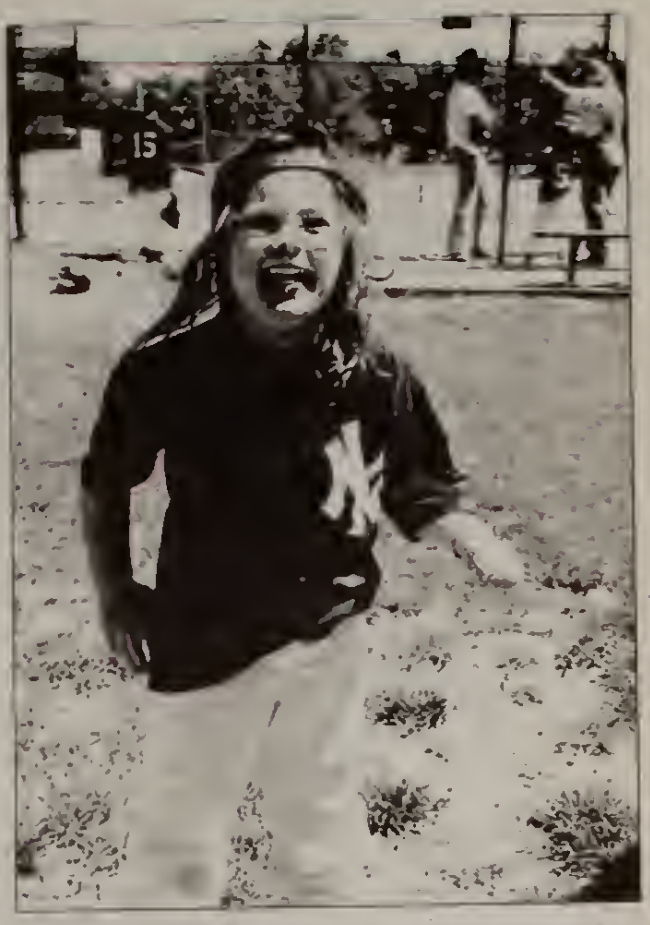

SPECIAL FEELING: Jaclyn Perlman is all smiles as she takes a break during a baseball session with the Princeton Special Sports (PSS) program. The program, which gives special needs children the chance to play sports in a supportive environment, has grown from eight children in 2001 to around 30.

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What is the most valuable sports franchise in the world? The New York Yankees? The Dallas Cowboys? The Los Angeles Lakers? No, no and no. The answer is Manchester United, the British soccer club founded in 1878. Early in 2004, the stock value of the publicly owned team gave it a market capitalization of $1.2 billion — the only franchise in the world worth more than 1 billion dollars at that time. The largest shareholders were Irish horse racing magnates John Magnier and J.P. McManus with almost 29%. Tampa Bay Buccaneers owner Malcolm Glazer was the second largest with more than 19%.

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Here's another one that might surprise you. Which major leaguer had the most total base hits in the decade of the 1990s? Barry Bonds? Ken Griffey Jr.? Alex Rodriguez? Again, the answer is no, no and no. Topping the list with 1,754 hits in the 90's, was Mark Grace, who retired after the 2003 season. In 16 seasons with the Cubs and Diamondbacks, Grace compiled a career batting average of .303. He was at his best in the post season, batting .647 for Chicago in the 1989 NLCS, and singling to spark Arizona's ninth-inning game-seven rally to beat the Yankees in the 2001 World Series.

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NASCAR has been growing faster than a souped-up Chevy in the United States, but Formula One racing has suffered as a result. Any idea when the last American won the F/1 World Championship? How about Mario Andretti back in the 1978? In fact, the last American to even compete in F/! was Mario's Son, Michael, in 1993. The reason? Even though F/1 boasts the most technologically advanced racecars in the world, there are bigger contracts and more endorsements to be had in NASCAR.

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BUDDY SYSTEM: Marcos Davis, left, gets a helping hand from Tommy Turner at a recent session of the Princeton Special Sports (PSS) baseball program. The PSS is a volunteer organization created to give special needs children the chance to play youth sports in a setting tailored to their abilities.

DIVING IN: John Diver takes a cut as Will Donahue catches during action in the Princeton Special Sports baseball program. The PSS, which started as Challenger baseball in 2001, added basketball last winter and will be starting a soccer program this fall.

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who initially got some Little Leaguers she knew to come out and help.

"They have to be patient and responsible and really be able to work with the kids. They also have to be comfortable with adults. They have to talk to the athletes' parents and get a sense of what works for each individual kid. Some kids need to be touched physically to help them focus. Others don't want to be touched, they prefer to be talked through the game."

One of the stalwart coaches of PSS, John Pecora, has been touched to have a major role in the program. "Everybody on the field is on a first-name basis," said Pecora, who also serves as the PSS Vice President. "I'm John out here, not Mr. Pecora. We're not coaches, but friends and buddies."

Pecora, who coached the Princeton Little League 10-year-old All Star squad this summer, enjoys the contrast between the PSS and the highly competitive atmosphere of playoff baseball. "It's much more hands on," said Pecora, referring to the PSS sessions.

"It's hugging the kids and a lot more one-on-one. The kids have a blast, they get such a sense of accomplishment. I have better attendance at the PSS than I did for the All-Stars."

The breakthroughs that Pecora helps draw out of his PSS performers give him a special satisfaction. "When they succeed, it's better than when the All Stars do," said Pecora. "We had a kid named Jamie who didn't hit a free throw for eight weeks in basketball and then hit two in the ninth session. It was high fives all around, it was great."

The joy that Pecora gets out of coaching the PSS athletes has changed his routine. "I can't wait until Sunday," said Pecora, whose son, Philip, serves as a PSS buddy.

"I'm a huge football fan but I've given up watching the NFL. I get a real sense of helping these kids. Some of these kids have been dealt a pretty bad hand and they get to smile for two hours."

It is clear that PSS is providing both the adults and children involved with a lot more than smiles.

—Bill Alden

TEEING UP: Coach Barb Young, second from left, instructs her charges as they approach the hitting tee during the Princeton Special Sports (PSS) baseball season. Young is one of the many adults, who together with the child "buddies," have helped spur the growth of the PSS.

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Princeton Resident Lessard Peaked In Tour De France Cycling Excursion

For Ron Lessard, it was the Father's Day gift of a lifetime.

The cycling enthusiast was thrilled to learn on June 20 that his family had signed him up to participate in the Etape du Tour, a citizens' race of the Tour de France whereby cyclists get to ride two stage courses of the famed bike race with the roads cleared as they are for the pro racers days later.

Lessard, 50, a longtime Princeton resident, knew that his gift would require some commitment on his part. With just three weeks to prepare, Lessard, who customarily cycles the 22-mile round trip to his Trenton-based furniture business, picked up his mileage in an effort to be ready for the towering mountains he was to face in France.

In his last big training session before departing for France, Lessard, a veteran of many "century," or 100-mile rides, went 127 miles and felt primed for the road ahead.

The extra work paid off for Lessard on July 11 as he gutted it through the 237-kilometer, or nearly 150-mile trip, from Limoges to Saint Flour, which was the 10th stage of this year's tour.

"I had never ridden that far in one day," recalled Lessard, who was joined on the cycling adventure by his two brothers-in-law.

"There were 8,000 people in the race and we started in waves of 500-1000. I was trying to go fast, it was like a time trial. It got really tough at 70 miles, I started going a little slower."

At that point, Lessard joined up with some other riding citizens to help him make it to the finish. "It was a very windy day and groups were going by at a high speed," said Lessard, who completed the course in nine hours, some three hours behind the time set by French star Richard Virenque when he won stage 10 of the race. "Once I got into a group, things went fine. I finished strong, I felt good."

Experiencing little soreness from the Limoges-to-Saint Flour slog, Lessard was in good form days later as he girded himself to take on L'Alpe d'Huez, one of the tour's most devilish and famed climbs.

The mountain, which has been called the cathedral of cycling, features 21 switchbacks on the nine-mile road to the summit. The riders start at an elevation of 740 meters and finish at 1,850 meters.

As Lessard got aboard his Coppi bike at the start of the climb which was stage 16 of this year's tour, he wasn't thinking about the stunning Alps scenery.

"The only thing on your mind is the pain you're going through and getting to the top," said Lessard, who completed the course in an hour, about 20 minutes behind the time it took Lance Armstrong to fly up the mountain when he won Stage 16 of the Tour.

"Your legs are screaming. You try to do it as fast as you can. It was very difficult, particularly the first couple of switchbacks. After that, you get a little respite. Going up was a rush, the climbing was hard and you just try to do your best."

Lessard and one of his brothers-in-law did soak up the beauty of the mountains as they took their time on the L'Alpe d'Huez descent. "The real fun was was going downhill," remembered Lessard. "We stopped at every switchback to enjoy the view. It was a ball, it was a real male-bonding experience."

In reflecting on the trip, Lessard said he gained a deeper appreciation for the sport. "It gives you a perspective in your life," maintained Lessard, who lost five pounds during the 10-day trip from his miles on the road.

"It allows you to understand what the riders go through. The riders are inspirational and this trip will inspire me to more riding."

As Lessard does those extra miles, he may pedal just a bit faster as he recalls his peak experience this July.

—Bill Alden

KING OF THE MOUNTAINS: Princeton resident Ron Lessard takes a break after finishing the Tour de France "citizens' race" up the famed L'Alpe d'Huez climb in mid-July. The cyclists rode the same tortuous nine-mile course that the pros did days later in Stage 16 of the Tour. Lessard spent t0 days in France and also rode the 237-kilometer, or nearly t50-mile trip, from Limoges to Saint Flour, which was the 10th stage of this year's tour.

ALPINE ADVENTURE: The scene down into the valley from the L'Alpe d'Huez summit which Princeton resident Ron Lessard cycled up last month. Lessard took part in the Tour de France's Etape du Tour, or "citizens' race," getting the opportunity to ride two of the stages of the race course.

DANGEROUS CURVES: A view of one of the 21 switchbacks on the famed L'Alpe d'Huez climb that Princeton resident Ron Lessard conquered when he rode the course last month in the "citizens' race" of the Tour de France.

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X-Cel Swimmers Earn Gold At N.J. Junior Olympics

The Princeton-based X-Cel Swimming club produced a stellar performance as it competed in the Long Course Junior Olympics earlier this month at Rutgers University.

The Junior Olympics marks the end of the long course (50-meter pool) season, and brings together the best swimmers in New Jersey Swimming for a final championship meet. This year, a total of 40 different teams competed at the meet with X-Cel sending a squad of 49 swimmers.

At the meet, Junior Olympic medals are awarded to the top eight finishers in each individual event. In addition, a scoring system awards points to the top sixteen places in each event to determine high point individual and team titles.

Overall, X-Cel swimmers placed sixth in the team standings. Three swimmers distinguished themselves as New Jersey Swimming champions as Laura Poss won the girls' 10-and under 50 breaststroke in 41.00, Edwin Chiu took first in both the boys' 11-and-12 50 breast (38.55), and the 100 breast (1:23.71), and Josh Rosenbluth pfaced first in men's 15-and-over 100 backstroke (1:00.10), 200 backstroke (2:11.12), and 200 individual medley (2:14.02).

Swimmers who achieved individual top ten scoring totals included Laura Poss (fifth in the girls' 10 and under), Alex Field (fifth in the boys' 11-and-12), Edwin Chiu (eighth in boys' 11-and-12), and Josh Rosenbluth (first, men's 15-and- over).

Other medal winners for X-Cel included Victoria Cassidy, 12, who placed sixth in the 100 freestyle (1:05.94), eighth in the 200 free (2:24.31), and eighth in the 400 free (5:01.44). Xiao Ying Zhao, 13, placed third in the 100 fly (1:09.26).

In the boys' division, medal winners included Peter Deardorff, 11, who placed seventh in the 400 free (5:12.92). Robb Dunne, 11, placed sixth in the 800 free (11:26.17). Matt Head, 11, pfaced seventh in the 50 breast (40.73). Paul Schafer, 11, placed fourth in both the 50 fly (32.34) and the 100 fly (1:13.74). Jordan McGrew, 14, placed seventh in both the 100 free (58.99), and the 200 free (2:10.47). Tony Wang, 14, placed fifth in the 100 breast (1:17.19). Peter Hand, 17, placed fifth in the 100 breast (1:12.49). Jesse Applegate, 18, placed third in the 50 free (24.90), and fourth in the 100 free (55.06).

Other swimmers for X-Cel who achieved top 16 finishes and gamered points for the team included Jocelyn Yuen, 9, in the 100 breast (ninth place) and the 100 free (15th place), Kelly Covey, 12, in the 50 fly (ninth place) and the 50 free (ninth place), Erin Henn, 12, in the 200 fly (11th place) and the 200 free (12th pface), Laura Loughran, 12, in the 400 IM (14th place) and the 200 back (16th place), Tara Henn, 14, in the 100 fly (15th place) and the 200 Fly (11th place), Gabby Feibel, 16, in the 800 free (13th place), Jennifer Lin, 16, in the 100 back (15th place), and Evelyn Yuen, 16, in the 100 breast (10th place) and the 200 breast (16th place).

In the boys' division, top 16 finishes were achieved by Peter Trubetskoy, 10, in the 50 free (15th place), and Ross Conroy, 11, in the 200 back (12th place) and the 200 breast (15th place).

Tiger Women's Soccer Drops Opener in Germany

A goal by Maura Gallagher was not enough as the Princeton University women's soccer team fell 3-1 to Bayern Munich in the opener of the Tigers' four-game tour of Germany

Gallagher, a junior, scored off an assist from Romy Trigg-Smith. "The team we played was very, very good," said Princeton coach Julie Shackford. "After traveling for so long, I thought we played pretty well."

Princeton left last Friday evening and flew overnight to London before changing planes and continuing to Frankfurt. Once in Germany, the Tigers then took a five-hour bus ride to Munich. After the game, the team toured Nymphonburg Scholss, a historic castle near Munich.

After two more days of sightseeing, the Tigers will take the pitch again on Wednesday when they play in Frankfurt. Princeton returns to the U.S. on August 24 and will begin the preseason shortly after that in preparation for its September 3 opener at home against Texas A&M, a Sweet 16 team in the 2003 NCAA tournament.

Princeton went 11-3-3 a year ago and advanced to its fifth straight NCAA tournament. Princeton is one of 19 teams in Division I to play in the NCAA tournament each of the last five years.

Tiger Football Picked 6th In Ivy Preseason Poll

The Princeton University football team has been picked to finish sixth in the 2004 Ivy League standings, according to the poll released at the annual Ivy League Football Media Day.

Two-time champion Penn was picked to win the league title again, with Harvard and Yale seen as coming in second and third, respectively.

Princeton head coach Roger Hughes, whose club went 2-8 in 2003, believes the low ranking will spur the Tigers. "We can certainly use this preseason pick to serve as motivation," maintained Hughes.

"Top to bottom, this league is as strong as I have ever seen it, and any team can win it this season. A lot of teams have a number of returning players. It will be important to have a good start and to stay healthy throughout the season."

Hughes is in his fifth season as head coach, and he brings a number of experienced players into the upcoming preseason, which begins on August 23. Princeton will open the season at home against Lafayette on September 18.

PSA Rec Soccer Holding Signup

The Princeton Soccer Association (PSA) is currently accepting applications for its fall recreational soccer league which runs on Saturday mornings from September 11 through November 21.

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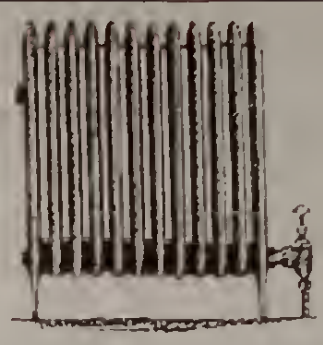

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Sports

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sophomore Kamara James lost her first-round match in women's epee.

Princeton Fencer Thompson Takes 7th In Olympics Epee

Princeton University senior Soren Thompson made history as he placed seventh in the men's epee event at the Athens Summer Olympics.

Thompson's placement is the best in nearly 50 years by a U.S. fencer in his event and the sixth-highest epee finish ever for an American.

The San Diego native advanced to the quarterfinals by edging #2 Alfredo Rota of Italy in a stunning 15-13 upset victory. Rota had won four World Gup Golds this past season and was widely considered a favorite for the medal stand.

Thompson, who did not fence for Princeton this season in order to train for the Olympics, defeated #18 Paris Inostroza of Chile in his opening-round match.

In other Princeton fencing news in Athens, Princeton

Carnegie Rowing Group Learn-To-Row Signup

The Carnegie Lake Rowing Association (CLRA) is currently accepting applications for its annual Learn-to-Row program, which teaches the sport of rowing to people of high school age and older who have no prior sweep rowing experience.

The Learn-to-Row prograr begins on September 11 an. runs through Thanksgiving. Applications for the program are due August 20.

The CLRA, a community club with approximately 200 members, rows out of the Princeton University boathouse on Lake Carnegie. For more information, log onto www.clra.com.

WHO KNOWS what's going on in Princeton? People who read TOWN TOPICS, of course.

EASY RIDER: A weary but happy cyclist heads to the food area at Mercer County Community College after completing his ride in the 24th annual Princeton Bicycling Event earlier this month. The event, which is sponsored by the Princeton Free Wheelers bicycle club, drew hundreds of cyclists. The participating riders got the chance to tackle bike tours ranging from 16 to 100 miles with the rides beginning and ending at the MCCC.

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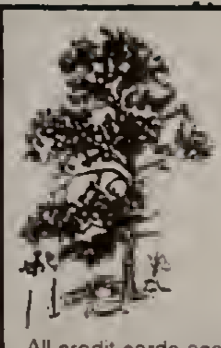
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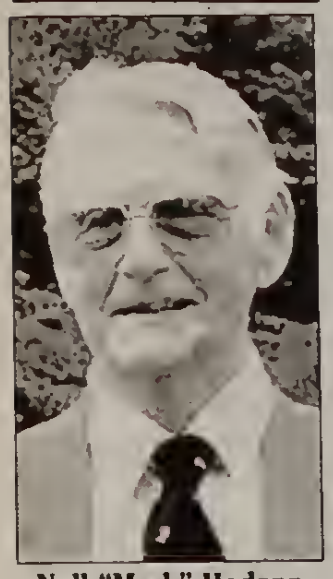

Null "Mark" Hodapp

Null Marcus (Mark) Hodapp, 78, of Cocoa Beach, Fla., died July 26 in Rockledge, Fla., following surgery from a fractured hip, complicated by pneumonia. A longtime Princeton resident, he moved to Cocoa Beach after his retirement from the Allen Bradley Co. in 1981.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, he was the son of the late Judge Null M. and LoRean D. Hodapp. He moved to Princeton in the early 1930s with his mother, a teacher at Westminster Choir College.

He attended the Nassau Street Elementary School where, in the second grade, he forged friendships with classmates Asa Bushnell, Jack Madden and Bob Wohlforth that would remain close for more than seven decades. By junior high school, the four friends had formed The K-LUB, a club limited to four members. Its durability is marked today by a brick on Palmer Square.

Mr. Hodapp served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, then graduated from Purdue University in 1949 with a degree in electrical engineering.

His first employer was the Cleveland-based Electric Controller & Manufacturing Co., which put him in its New York City office, then transferred him to Buffalo. When the company merged with the Square D Company, he moved to Ohio. In 1956, he was hired by Allen Bradley and became district manager of the firm's Dayton and Cincinnati offices, a position he held for the remainder of his working career.

He held memberships in the American Society of Electrical Engineers, Masonic-Verity Lodge, Purdue Alumni Association, and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

A talented magician, he was honored as Magician of the Year in the Orlando area in the early 1990s. He will be remembered for the entertaining magic shows he presented at engineering conventions throughout the country and at Princeton mini-reunions in various cities. He was especially adept with cards and sleight-of-hand, which he first perfected during his Princeton High School days. He was a member of the S.A.M. and I.B.M. magic societies.

He is survived by a son, Mark William of Pleasanton, Calif.; two daughters, Susan Stuart of Cincinnati and Lynne Clark of Sugar Land, Tex.; a sister, Eleanor Heim of Cocoa Beach; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 18 at the United Methodist Church, 3300 North Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, with a Celebration of Life reception immediately following in the nearby Towers building.

His remains will be placed next to those of his mother in Princeton Cemetery after the memorial service in Florida.

Harriet G. Hitch

Harriet Green Hitch, 64, of Lawrenceville, died August 10 at home.

Born in Knoxville, Tenn., she has been a resident of Lawrenceville for 35 years.

She was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Indiana University in 1962, where she was a political science major and a cello student of Janos Starker. She received her master's degree in political science from Rutgers University in 1973.

She wrote and helped design the book catalog for the Princeton University Press for 17 years.

A civil rights advocate and pacifist, she joined the Princeton Society of Friends (Quakers) in the early 1970s. She was also a volunteer for the Trenton office of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The daughter of the late Dorothy Kuersteiner Greene and Lee Seifert Greene, she is survived by her husband of 43 years, Thomas Tipton Hitch; two daughters, Rachel Hitch of Chicago, Ill. and Anne Collins of San Francisco, Calif.; a brother, Robert E. Greene of Los Angeles, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held this Sunday, August 22 at 12:30 p.m. at the Princeton Monthly (Quaker) Meeting House, at the juncture of Mercer and Quaker Roads. A reception will immediately follow.

In the manner of Friends, interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Princeton Friends Monthly Meeting, 470 Quaker Road, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements are under the direction The Kimble Funeral Home.

RELIGION

Bulletin Notes

Griggstown Reformed Church will be holding their Harvest Home Picnic on Saturday, August 28, from 3:30 to 7 p.m. The Blawenburg Band will be performing and there will be games, baked goods, an antique quilt display, and Grandma's Attic which is a silent auction. The church is located at 106S Canal Road, in Griggstown.

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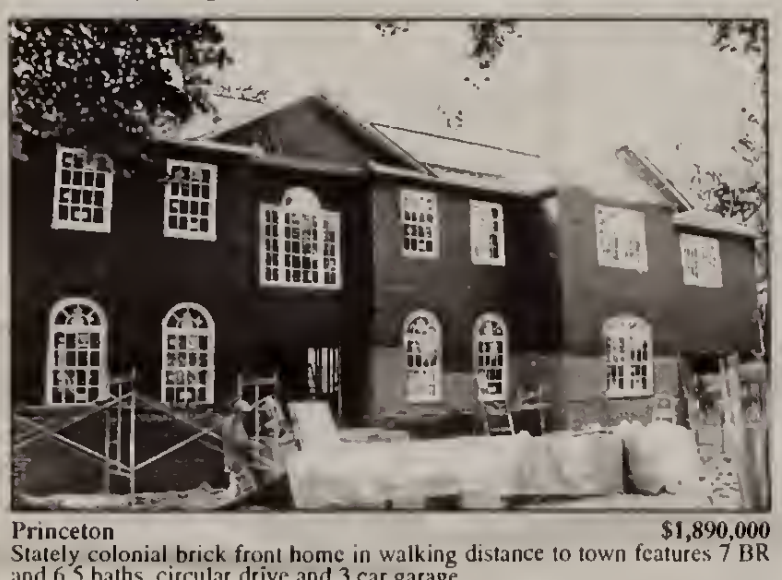

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Many Options Are Available When Saving for College

Struggling with expenses of the here-and-now, and beleaguered by the knowledge that the price tag for a college education can rise to the amount of a home mortgage, it's not surprising that most people juggle college and retirement savings with varying degrees of success.

Questions surrounding how much to save, where, and what strategies are best to ensure tax benefits and financial aid eligibility also become stumbling blocks to saving for college.

The truth is, the answers to college savings questions depend on many variables; and, college will probably be paid for through a combination of savings, tax breaks, aid, loans, scholarships, and student employment, with all of these pieces fitting together in a unique and complex puzzle, according to Kathy Kristof, author of *Taming the Tuition Tiger, Getting the Money to Graduate.*

The first piece of the puzzle that should be picked up is savings. Savings options will depend not only on a family's means, but also on when they start saving.

Tax-favored savings vehicles work best if children are under age 12. The investment earnings then have time to grow, making tax incentives worthwhile.

The three tax-favored college savings plans are Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, Uniform Gift to Minors Act Accounts, and 529 College Savings Plans. But within the 529 plans, there are 50 separate plans, or one for each state in the U.S. (This is probably where people start to get discouraged).

EE savings bonds are also still used, although these are an outdated, if easy, method of saving, said financial planner Kam Amirzafari of Maclean Agency on Princeton's Nassau Street.

529 Plans

The 529 plans, which, like 401(k)s, are named for the section of the tax code that supports them, are attractive particularly for wealthy parents because the plans don't have any income restrictions and contribution limits are very high.

Contributions aren't deductible on federal tax returns; but no income tax is paid on the amount accumulated in the account in any given year. Withdrawals used for "qualified education expenses" are tax free on federal returns.

Qualified education expenses include tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment for attendance at an accredited college or university, including community colleges and some vocational schools.

The law also allows tax-free 529 distributions to finance the cost of education for special-needs children.

State tax benefits include exemption of withdrawals from state income tax. And some states like Colorado allow you to take an up-front deduction on returns of the original contribution.

Mr. Amirzafari recommends 529s for the tax breaks; the fact that the donor stays in control, which is helpful when it comes time for applying for financial aid; automatic savings features, which enforce good saving habits; no income restrictions; and the fact that many portfolios employ a conservative, "age-based approach."

In an age-based approach, the funds are invested in stock 100 percent at age one, split between stocks and bonds at age seven, and divided among stocks, bonds, and cash at age 14.

However, a big caveat regarding 529s is that the law is set to expire December 31, 2010, which means that withdrawals in 2011 aren't going to have the great tax breaks unless the law is extended, Mr. Amirzafari said, adding that investors shouldn't let that affect their decisions.

"All financial plans," he said, "should be reviewed every few years because laws do change. You can only base financial decisions on today's laws, remembering that they change."

David Walter, president of Halberstadt Financial Consultants, inc., located just off Nassau Street, pointed out another caveat: the 529 plans are generally for those in the

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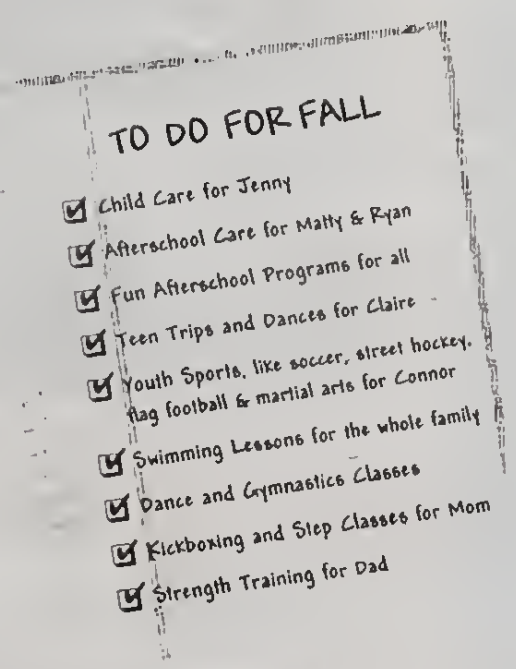

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upper income bracket and more practical for grandparents.

"Most young parents are struggling to make ends meet and can't put a lot away," Mr. Walter said. "But they're a good vehicle for grandparents for estate planning purposes, as good as anything out there, or better," he said.

He added that New Jersey's plan is one of the better state plans because it is low cost. "The management fees are about as low as you get. The problem with a lot of plans is that the fees to manage them are relatively high and that affects overall investment return," he said.

Coverdell Accounts

The Coverdell education savings accounts, which were formerly called education IRAs, have a contribution limit of $2,000 a year, up from $500 a year prior to 2002. They are attractive savings vehicles for many people who have less to save and who wish to save for elementary and secondary school expenses as well as college expenses.

In fact, according to savingsforcollege.com, even if you like the 529 plan, you may still decide to contribute the first $2,000 of savings for each child in a Coverdell account because it can be used to pay for not only private school tuition at the elementary and secondary levels, but also for things like student computers and Internet access fees for the student including his family.

There are still things to be aware of, however. There's an income limit for married couples of $190,000 to $210,000 of adjusted gross income. And eligibility requirements may exclude older adults with college plans. It's also important to ensure that accounts established by different family members for the same child do not exceed $2,000 a year, or a penalty will be owed.

In addition, the low contribution cap means that even a small annual maintenance fee for holding the account significantly affects returns. Contributions will eventually go to your child if not used for college. And since it's the child's money and not the parents' any longer, it could adversely affect financial aid eligibility.

Furthermore, coordinating withdrawals with other tax benefits like Hope or Lifetime Learning credits (more on these later) can be tricky. But withdrawals for the Coverdell accounts are less restricted than for the 529s.

Uniform Gift to Minors

Uniform Gift to Minors Act accounts are actually simple trusts and aren't considered the best way to save for college today.

They are a general vehicle for giving financial gifts to children and not just for college savings. One disadvantage is that the accounts are completely the child's asset, so like the Coverdells, they could adversely affect financial aid.

When it comes time to apply for financial aid, accounts in the child's name are assumed to be 35 percent available for college costs every year. This is opposed to the formula for parent's assets, which are assumed to be available to pay for college costs in any one year at a rate of about five percent.

The advantage is that they are taxable at the child's rate until the age of 14. However, they aren't tax favored in terms of tax-free withdrawals.

Bonds

Another savings option includes tried-and-true savings bonds, according to many.

But Al Merz, an investment representative at Edward Jones in Princeton, said the only bonds seriously considered for college savings in today's investment world are Treasury Zero Coupon Bonds.

Using Zero Coupon bonds, which are heavily discounted and extremely safe, the investor would determine what a year of college will cost in 2015, for example. Then he buys a bond that will total that amount in that year but for a much lower price in today's dollars.

As for savings bonds, which were popular in the past and with which some are still more comfortable, they are available in eight denominations from $50 to $10,000. They're purchased for half their face value, but cannot be redeemed for face value until they reach maturity, which varies based on the interest rate earned on the bond.

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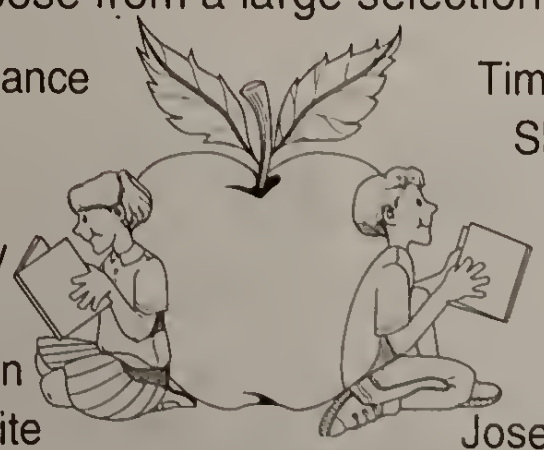
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In *Taming the Tuition Tiger*, Ms. Kristof offered a couple of other savings options as well. She said that for her niece, she opened a sort of "pension plan" for the child instead of adding to the deluge of clothes, toys and books received from doting relatives.

The account allowed interest to vest over time, meaning that at each birthday or holiday, the child earned more of the account balance. When she reached 16 the amount put aside was hers.

Another idea is an "investment pool." In this plan, 10 relatives, say, buy $20 gifts for the child on every occasion. Instead of foregoing toys and games completely, they may just cut the value of such purchases and put the remaining dollar amount in an account for the child's college expenses.

"Assuming two major gift-giving occasions a year, that would generate $200 annually in cash. In less than three years, this family would meet the minimum investment requirements for many child-oriented mutual funds or 529 plans," Ms. Kristof wrote.

Pay-As-You-Go

If savings have been insufficient to prepay college costs completely, as is virtually always the case, then pay-as-you-go methods provide plenty of opportunity for sound financial strategies as well. There are tax breaks by combining financing college with tax favored accounts and pay-as-you-go.

There are two tax credits: the Hope Tax Credit, which can be used for the first two years of higher education for a total of $1,500 per student, and the $2,000 Lifetime Learning Credit, which isn't restricted to two years and would presumably be used for the second two years of a four-year college degree.

The tax credits cannot be combined and the Lifetime Learning Credit is per family, not per student. The basic strategy is to use the Hope Tax Credit first.

If earnings are too high to claim tax credits, there are also tax deduction claims for paying higher-education expenses.

Financial Aid

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Also state governments offer aid and administer state-federal projects, such as LEAP, the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership program.

Public libraries often have sections for information on financing college and current financial aid forms. The forms are also available in school guidance office, or, if filing online, are available at www.fafsa.ed.gov and www.pin.ed.gov.

Private schools typically require a second financial aid form, such as the College Board's "profile" application. This form requires parents to disclose information about assets that the federal government does not.

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many children the family has, how much is earned, and other factors.

"There's an art to qualifying for financial aid," Mr. Amirzafari said; therefore, he recommends parents consult a financial planner in addition to using other sources available on the subject.

Financing higher education isn't a one-size-fits-all endeavor, and neither is higher education itself. Think of the opportunities instead of focusing on obstacles, many experts say.

Ms. Kristof urges parents to consider that many less expensive community and junior colleges offer top notch education, comparable to four-year schools, and they thereby offer a more affordable and attainable goal.

Students who want to continue can then transfer to selective schools of their choice for their junior year, and then they can often use as leverage good grades achieved in the two-year program.

In her book, Ms. Kristof cited a study co-authored by Princeton economist Alan Krueger which followed a group of individuals from college to 20 years later and found that the earnings of children who were accepted by the Ivies, but chose to attend non-Ivy League colleges, were nearly identical to the earnings of individuals who attended the Ivies.

—Becky Melvin

Local Groups Conduct School Supply Drive

The Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton is sponsoring a backpack and school supply drive for needy children in Mercer County. School supplies needed include backpacks, pens, notebook paper, notebooks, binders, folders, glue, index cards, crayons, markers, colored pencils, rulers, lunch boxes, calculators, and highlighters. All supplies must be new. Donations are accepted in Princeton, Monday through Friday, from 1:30-4 p.m. at 61 Nassau Street.

The mission of the Crisis Ministry is to prevent hunger and homelessness in Mercer County. One way of providing assistance to low income families is through the annual backpack and school supply drive. The drive is well underway and the backpacks filled with supplies will be distributed at the end of August. For additional information, call 396-9355.

Every year, the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen collects school supplies to give to area children whose families may not be able to afford them. They are requesting donations of the following items by August 23: Number 2 pencils, pens, spiral notebooks, 3 ring binders, notebook paper, children's scissors, small boxes of markers, glue, rulers, and composition books with black and white covers. To make a donation, please contact Cathy Ann Vandegrift at 695-5456, extension 100 or at cathyv@trentonsoupkitchen.org.

HomeFront is a non-profit organization that helps Mercer County's homeless and working poor families begin to lead independent lives. HomeFront provides food, shelter and affordable housing for families. They also try to provide homeless families with money for class pictures, a school uniform, school trips, after school tutoring, and music enrichment.

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ADD Expert Presents Talk on Family Life

As part of a Family Life Education Program for the community, Jewish Family Children's Service of Greater Mercer County is conducting a talk on families with ADD. The presentation will be held Monday, September 27, from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Congregation Adath Israel, located at 1958 Lawrenceville Road in Lawrenceville.

The talk will be given by Edward Hallowell, M.D., who is a child and adult psychiatrist and the founder of The Hallowell Center for Cognitive and Emotional Health in Sudbury, MA.

Dr. Hallowell has also been on the faculty of the Harvard Medical School since 1983 and has authored many books on various psychological topics including problems with attention, focus, stress, and worry.

His national best seller, *Driven to Distraction* (Pantheon, 1994) and *Answers to Distraction* (Pantheon, 1995), discuss attention deficit disorder in children and in adults. With more than fifteen years of experience, his ease with audiences makes his presentation fun as well as informative.

The presentation is free but registration is recommended, because space is limited. For additional information or to register for the program, call Debra Levenstein at Jewish Family & Children's Services at 987-8100.

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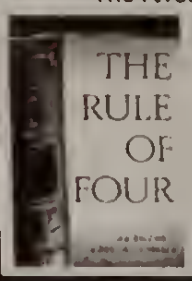

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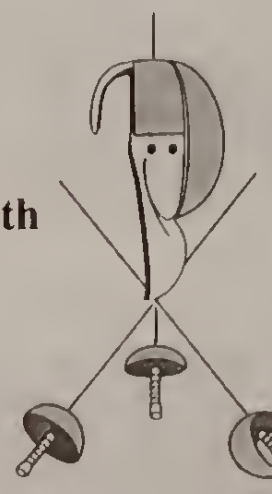

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It is the goal of Rock Brook School in Skillman to reach these children and help them to open those doors.

A non-profit day school for students ages three to 12, who have special needs, including communication and learning problems, Rock Brook will celebrate its 30th anniversary in November.

Founded by Crystal Sargent, a speech pathologist, the school was originally located in Blawenburg in the one-room school house on Route 518. A brook located near the building was the inspiration for the school's name, explains current director Mary Caterson.

Five years ago, Rock Brook moved to its present site at 109 Orchard Road. The location encompasses 10 acres, with an attractive new school building, featuring seven classrooms, administrative offices, teachers' and therapy rooms, and outside play area, including a variety of playground equipment.

Looking ahead, Ms. Caterson says an addition for expanded occupational and physical therapy space is on the agenda.

Team Effort

Originally, under Ms. Sargent's supervision, the school focused on pre-school children, notes Ms. Caterson, who started at Rock Brook as an assistant teacher in 1976, and has been director for nearly 17 years.

"There was no real program then for kids with language and learning problems," she explains. "Rock Brook established a system where the children had teachers and a speech pathologist and received intensive speech and language help, as well as specialized education. It was a team effort between the teacher and the speech pathologist."

Over the years, the school has evolved and grown to accommodate elementary school children and a staff of 40, including occupational and physical therapists. During the 2003-04 school year, its enrollment consisted of 64 students from 22 school districts in central New Jersey. It is approved, funded, and regulated by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Children who come to Rock Brook are usually communication-impaired and educationally classified as multiply-disabled, explains Ms. Caterson, who has a masters degree in speech pathology.

"Our students can have difficulties across many areas of learning and all different medical diagnoses, including hearing impairment, language and learning problems, autism, Down's Syndrome, etc."

The school has worked successfully with children who demonstrate such characteristics as delayed talking, limited vocabulary, reading problems, short attention span, fine and gross motor difficulties, problems with self-expression (spoken or written), social immaturity, low self esteem, and inability to achieve their full potential.

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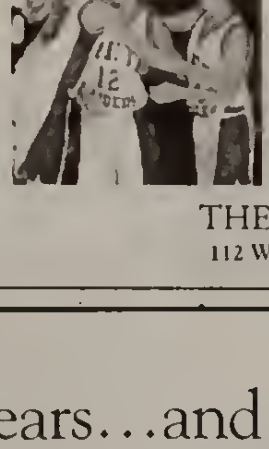

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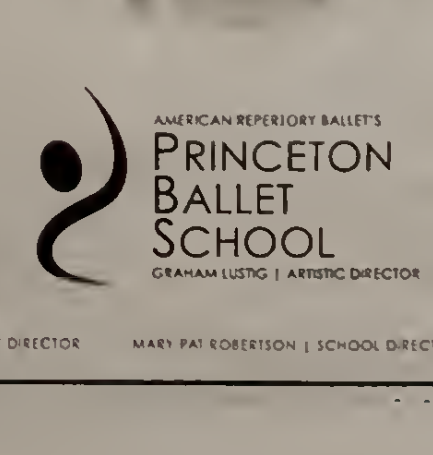

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Children come to Rock Brook at the recommendation of their own school district, points out Ms. Caterson. An Independent Education Plan (IEP) is designed for the student, and a case manager from the school oversees the student's progress.

"There are more programs in the public schools today, and we work with them," she notes. "Our goal is to help each student succeed to the best of their ability and to facilitate their return to their home school district. Not every child stays here the whole time. They might come at age three and leave at six, or come at nine and leave at 11. Some stay for longer periods, depending on their needs."

Individualized teaching, geared to the needs of the student is emphasized at Rock Brook, she adds.

"Each class is set up to focus on different needs of the students. The commitment of the school is to focus on a specialized program for a small number of children. In one class, they will do similar things, but tasks will be geared to the student's individual differences. Every class has one teacher, an assistant teacher, and one speech pathologist. Each classroom has its own therapeutic environment."

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Each class offers opportunities for practice with social skills during organized play and other classroom activities.

"In physical education, there are adaptive cooperative games," points out Ms. Caterson. "The children learn to throw a ball and have cooperative game playing. A big part of what we do is social skills training. Kids will learn they don't win every time and what to do if they lose and are upset.

"Children interact here and are able to make friendships, so important to one's life," she adds."

Integral Part

Occupational therapy is an integral part of Rock Brook's program. The students receive direct service occupation sessions based on the IEP recommendations. The treatment plans include fine motor, gross motor, and sensory integration as indicated for the individual child. The occupational therapy staff also oversees the handwriting program school-wide.

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Going to Nursery School

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Chotterbox Jamie
Nancy Evans Cooney: illus. by Marylin Hafner
Jamie enjoys all the activities at his nursery school but does not talk until just the right time for him.

A Dragon in Class 4
June Counsel; illus. by Jill Bennett
A dragon takes up residence in a nursery school where, despite an occasional accident, he proves a useful and enjoyable companion.

First Friends
Lenore Blegvad; pictures by Erik Blevgad
Young children start exploring independence and learn to make new friends at a nursery school.

Going to My Nursery School
Susan Kuklin
A little boy describes, in text and photographs, what he, does in his nursery school class. Includes information for parents on how to select a nursery school for their children.

My Nursery School
Harlow Rockwell
A child discusses the various activities going on in nursery school.

Pete and Polo's Big School Adventure
Adrian Reynolds
Pete and his polar bear are both nervous on their first day of school, especially when Polo finds he is the only bear that's not brown.

Rip-Rooring Russell
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Five-year-old Russell's adventures involve his nursery school, his baby sister, and his friends in his apartment building.

Russell's Secret
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When Russell decides to stay home from nursery school and be a baby just like his new sister, he discovers that being treated like a baby when you are a big boy is no fun at all.

Sabrino
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During roll call on her first day of nursery school, a little girl decides she doesn't like her name and wants to change it.

Shawn Goes to School
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A little boy adjusts to his first day at nursery school.

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A rhymed account of a child's fun-filled day at nursery school.

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Rock Brook uses a behavior management consultant to help the staff develop overall motivation and management programs for each class. Personalized plans, developed in conjunction with parents, will be initiated if a child is not experiencing success with the classroom plan.

Rock Brook's programs continue to expand, reports Ms. Caterson. "The children go on field trips to local historic and cultural sites and to outdoor education locations, such as the Water Shed. We also include therapy dogs. In one program, the kids read to the dog — who is a willing, patient listener. This is low-stress reading. The children also have the opportunity to walk the dog.

"In addition, our kids need to learn about giving. We have a couple of projects to raise money. We have contributed notebooks and pencils to the children in Iraq, and we also raise money for a Seeing Eye puppy. Then the kids will get to name the puppy, and it will be brought here so they can see it."

Good Feelings

In another project, the children created a quilt, which will be raffled at the school's 30th Anniversary event in November. The quilt will commemorate the anniversary and feature symbols associated with education, such as letters of the alphabet and numbers. Every child at Rock Brook is taking part in the project, with even the youngest making fabric paint handprints for the quilt.

"I feel we really make a difference and meet the kids' needs," says Ms. Caterson. "We help them to be successful and feel good about themselves. We hope they can keep those good feelings about themselves as they go on to meet life's challenges.

"We are here to build their self-esteem and emotional confidence. They often lack self-esteem, feeling confused and being unable to do things others can do. The world is confusing, with languages coming at them they don't understand. Learning is such a challenge for them.

"The point is we keep trying and trying, and sometimes nothing seems to happen. Then, all of a sudden, it comes together for them, and it is very exciting."

Parents play an important role, she adds. Daily contact, classroom visits, and observation are encouraged. Visiting days for students' siblings and grandparents are also included.

Parents are very well-informed and involved today. When they get a diagnosis for their child, it can be very hard and upsetting. But we want people to realize that there really is no limit to what the children can do. As they get older, they can change developmentally, and then there are different levels of opportunities.

"There are always surprises, too," she continues. "I remember one student, who was a very needy child. I never thought I would see her go to college and have a career. She did both, has a job in graphic arts, and is a very successful adult. I want people to know there are no limits.

"And there are different levels of success. Another student wasn't able to go to college, but she did take a college course, and was thrilled to complete it and pass."

Rock Brook also has a community outreach program, offering screenings, evaluation, and therapy, says Ms. Caterson.

"And we have grant programs to support mentoring programs in Trenton where we work side by side with teachers. We believe we have a responsibility to share what we know.

Creative Ways

"Our school is non-profit, so we are limited in terms of what we have. We are here because of the support of many volunteers, parents, friends, corporate friends, and foundations, and we are very grateful for that. People are willing to help.

"We look forward to continuing to find creative ways to meet the challenges of educating the students and supporting the families. The challenge is to stay current and stay fresh, always to be aware of the latest techniques and therapies, and continue to train our teachers to help our students.

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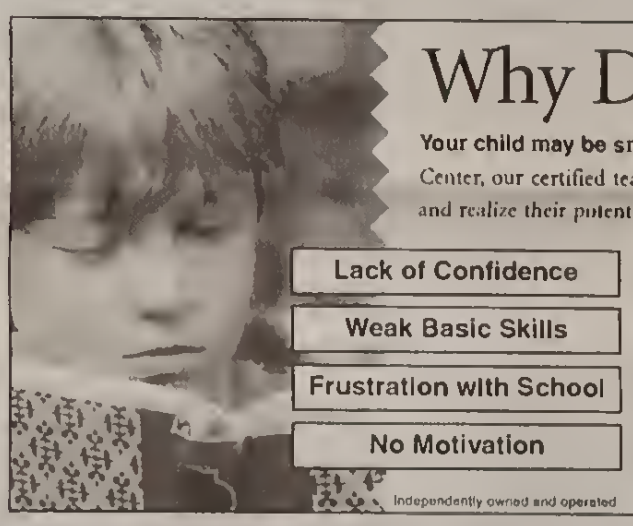

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Finding Ways To Address The Issue: Eating Disorders Among Teenagers

With popular female celebrities around like Jennifer Anniston and Paris Hilton, it's no wonder so many teenage girls feel self-conscious about their weight and feel a need to be thinner than they are. Magazines, television programs, and movies all portray the ideal woman as bony and thin, which makes the average-sized woman feel that she is overweight, even if she is at the right weight-level for her height and bone structure.

When extreme dieting, anorexia, and bulimia come into play, a desire to be thinner becomes a much larger health problem. With the school year rapidly approaching, it's important to know how to identify the problem among teenagers, and to be able to suggest ways for them to get the treatment they need.

In the United States, as many as 10 in 100 women suffer from an eating disorder. And, contrary to common belief, while most eating disorders may begin with a concern about weight, they stem from much deeper psychological issues, according to Dr. Mindy Parisi, program director for the Eating Disorders Program at the University Medical Center at Princeton. A mood disorder, a particular personality characteristic, family issues such as physical or sexual abuse, or sociocultural issues can cause a person to have an unhealthy obsessiveness with his or her weight, she said.

Whatever the cause, eating disorders can develop into serious health problems, including cardiac, kidney, digestive, or liver problems; they can also lead to an electrolyte imbalance in the body.

The prime time for teenagers, particularly females, to begin having weight issues is between the ages of 14 and 18, said Dr. Parisi: "Those are two transitional times in their lives."

Around the age of 14 is when many females begin to menstruate, and start to notice changes in their body that some girls may find less positive than others. It is also the time that they are transitioning from middle school to high school, which can be a big change in life.

Young women also encounter a battle around the age of 18, when pressures to get into college or find a job start to weigh on their shoulders. In addition, girls may also find that a change in diet at college can alter their weight and lead to other concerns.

Changing boundaries and the desire to become more independent from parents can also cause a teenager to pay more attention to his or her body, said Dr. Parisi.

For parents, friends, and teachers of young people going through a battle with their weight, there are warning signs to beware of. Some symptoms of anorexia include a drastic weight loss, low body weight, an intense fear of becoming fat, fainting, a refusal to eat, or lying about what he or she eats or doesn't eat. This person could also have odd habits such as cutting food into small pieces, or obsessing over calories and exercising. A firm denial of the problem is also common.

Those with anorexia may also develop stomach and heart problems, irregular menstrual cycles, growth of fine hair all over the body, and dry, scaly skin.

Symptoms for a person with bulimia, someone who eats a lot of food all at once and then vomits or uses medications such as laxatives to remove the foods from the body, may include frequent visits to the bathroom following meals, or hiding a stash of food somewhere that he or she eats in secret. People with bulimia are usually close to normal weight, but it may fluctuate.

Those with bulimia may develop stomach, heart, and kidney problems, as well as dental issues from regurgitating stomach acids, or dehydration from not enough water in the body.

One Woman's Story

For one 23-year-old graduate student, we will call Sarah, a concern with weight began her senior year of high school, when she started to experience stress and a desire for perfection that she was unable to achieve, which led to an eating disorder combining anorexia and bulimia nervosa.

Those with anorexia or bulimia nervosa are typically perfectionists and high achievers in school, according to the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry: "She suffers from a low self-esteem, irrationally believing she is fat regardless of how thin she becomes. Desperately needing a feeling of mastery over her life, the teenager experiences a sense of control only when she says 'no' to the normal food demands of her body."

A very athletic person, Sarah first started to show

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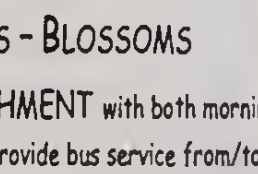

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concern for her body image in high school when she was sidelined from the track team due to a knee injury.

"My first thought was that I can't run so I'm going to get fat," she said.

That's when Sarah's obsession with her weight began. She began to closely monitor what she ate, only allowing herself to eat foods that were low in calories. Her problems continued on and off throughout college, until the summer before her junior year, when her "concern" became a "disorder." Once again Sarah had experienced a running injury that would not allow her to exercise, but her concern for her weight was much more than just that. Balancing a full-time job, a night class, and a boyfriend proved to be too much for her to cope with, and she began to feel that controlling her weight was the only way she could have a handle on her life.

Along with carefully monitoring what she ate, she began to throw up three times a day, and would only eat if she was in a place where she could quickly run to the bathroom afterwards. As a biology major with a best friend who had been ill with an eating disorder for almost six years, Sarah knew all the health risks she was taking.

"Eating disorders are like any other [addiction]. It makes no sense, it's totally illogical," said Sarah. "Somehow I just thought the bad things wouldn't happen to me."

The effects on her body were noticeable almost immediately. Sarah began to feel tired all the time, she became moody, and had to continually feed herself caffeine to get through the day. Her relationships with friends and family began to dwindle because she wasn't feeling like herself and therefore wasn't behaving like herself with her loved ones.

"I don't even know how I survived that. It was self torture," she said.

Sarah said the biggest hurdle for her to get over was her refusal to admit to others that she had a problem: "Nobody knew ... my parents didn't, and my boyfriend didn't."

Finally Sarah went to a friend who had also gone through a similar battle with her weight. Her friend told her how her own battle with bulimia had led to a significant loss in calcium in her body, which made her bones frail and brittle. Now she is unable to participate in sports, because she is at a high risk of being injured.

Learning this finally convinced Sarah to talk to a counselor. Now, Sarah can talk candidly about her problem, and hopes that her openness will allow others to make the change before it's too late.

"[Eating disorders] are all a question of not being satisfied with who you are and what

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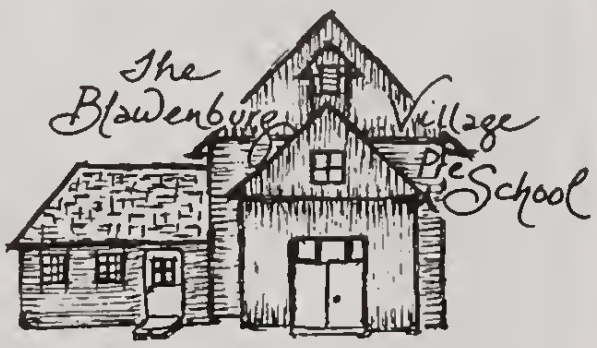

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you look like," she said. "But the truth is, when you get down to your goal weight, you're still not happy with yourself."

For someone with an eating disorder, Sarah said the first step to recovery is admitting that there is a problem needing immediate attention.

For those who have a loved one with an eating disorder, the first step is to get the facts on the health risks of the disorder, said Dr. Parisi. Then, the person should be approached with concern, not accusingly.

Sarah recommended sending the person an email with links to websites on eating disorders. She said that in the privacy of their own home, someone might be more open to reading the information and understanding their problem.

Getting Help

Once a person is ready for treatment, there are many things that can help put them on the road to recovery. The first thing to do is to see a physician or nutritionist who can help establish the eating disorder and find the proper method of recovery. Often the doctor may recommend the person check into a local clinic as an inpatient or outpatient, said Dr. Parisi.

At the Renfrew Center Foundation, an eating disorder clinic with locations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York, some parts of the healing process include participating in activities which express emotion, including writing in a journal, creating artwork, playing with a pet, or dancing. These exercises can help break the unhealthy emotional habits that can be built up over the years, said Sarah: "I looked forward to going there ... It was exactly what I needed."

Addressing medical complications, beginning nutritional rehabilitation and weight restoration, as well as participating in psychotherapy groups and nutritional counseling are all part of the process at the Eating Disorder Program at the University Medical Center at Princeton, said Dr. Parisi. The Medical Center offers an inpatient program, as well as an outpatient program which is three hours, two to five days per week.

The Medical Center also offers a preventative program for middle school and high school girls in Princeton, said Dr. Parisi. In this program, staff from the clinic work with a group of up to 25 girls for a period of 8 to 10 weeks, teaching the young women about coping skills, how to decrease vulnerability to eating disorders, how to develop a positive body image, and ways to manage emotions and stress.

The staff also meets with each girl's designated mentor for a nightly program that helps the adult know what to do to help young girls with tendencies towards developing an eating disorder.

This program is funded by a $10,000 donation from the Princeton-Area Community Foundation, and is run at each school's discretion, said Dr. Parisi.

Whatever treatment process is chosen, it is important for someone with an eating disorder to get some kind of help, and to keep in touch with a counselor or nutritionist, even after the patient has been released, said Dr. Parisi: "Recovery does take time, but with ongoing treatment and attention to it, people can and do recover."

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Jacqueline Wilson; illus. by Nick Sharratt
Ten-year-old Mandy must endure torment from three nasty bullies in school, but she finds solace in a new friendship with an older girl.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
Barbara Robinson (sound recording)
It's time for the annual Christmas pageant — but something's different this year. The Herdman kids are troublemakers from the wrong side of the tracks, known to be thieves, liars and bullies. So when they decide to invade church one Sunday to take over the pageant, everyone braces for the worst. But the Herdman's irreverent interpretation of the Christmas story proves an entertaining lesson for everyone.

Bullies are a Pain in the Brain
written and illustrated by Trevor Romain;
edited by Elizabeth Verdick
A serious yet humorous guide to dealing with bullies.

Bully Dance
La danse des brutes (video recording)
story direction, design, and animation by Janet Perlman;
producer, Marcy Page
A non-verbal film with a strong message about bullies. A bully victimizes a smaller member of his group and disrupts the life of his community. Eventually the victim and the group must deal with the bully, who is himself a victim in his own house.

Eye of the Great Bear
Bill Wallace
The bullies called him coward. Even his brothers thought eleven-year-old Bailey Trumbull was scared of his own shadow. Then an old Indian medicine man made an astonishing prophecy: "Some men spend their life searching for who they are — searching for their courage. You will see yourself in the eye of the great bear."

The Field of the Dogs
Katherine Paterson (sound recording)
Being new to school is bad enough, but now the school bullies have decided that Josh is their favorite target.

Junebug and the Reverend
Alice Mead
Having moved out of the housing project and into a new home along with his mother and sister, ten-year-old Junebug discovers that bullies are everywhere and that the elderly can make great friends. Sequel to: "Junebug."

Jashua T. Bates Takes Charge
Susan Shreve; illus. by Dan Andreasen
Eleven-year-old Joshua, worried about fitting in at school, feels awkward when the new student he is supposed to be helping becomes the target of the fifth grade's biggest bully. Sequel to "The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates."

The Chocolate War
Robert Cormier (sound recording)
A young man arouses the wrath of school bullies and discovers other devastating consequences of defying a long, mindless tradition centered around the school's annual fund raising drive.

Liar
Winifred Morris
Fourteen-year old Alex struggles to rise above the life events which seem to conspire against him, from a mother who lies, to a probation officer who won't give him a break, to bullies at his new school.

My Life in Dog Years
Gary Paulsen; illus. by Ruth Wright Paulsen
The author describes some of the dogs that have had special places in his life, including his first dog, Snowball, in the Philippines: Dirk, who protected him from bullies: and Cookie, who saved his life.

Oh, Brother
Johnniece Marshall Wilson
Alex's older brother bullies him, taking his bicycle and his money, until Alex discovers a way to stand up for himself.

The Present Takers
Aidan Chambers
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Radia Fifth Grade
Gordon Korman
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Diane Duane
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Stepping on the Cracks
Mary Downing Hahn
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Summer Soldiers
Susan Hart Lindquist
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